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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Every member is requested to preserve this "Supplement," which contains matters specially referred to Divisions, until the subjects have been discussed by the Division to which he belongs. BY ORDER.

MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

British Medical Association.

Annual Representative Meeting, Liverpool, 1912.

THE Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Liverpool on Friday, July 19th, 1912, and following days as may be necessary.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA.

I.—RECEPTION OF RETURN OF REPRESENTATIVES.

1. **Motion:** That the Return of election of Representatives of Divisions for the year 1912–13 be received and entered on the Minutes.

2. **Motion:** That the Notices (if any) of appointment of substitutes for Representatives under By-law 34 be received and entered on the Minutes.

II.—STANDING ORDERS.

3. **Motion:** That the Standing Orders submitted by the Chairman be adopted as Standing Orders of the Meeting.

The Chairman will submit the Standing Orders adopted at London, February, 1912 (see page 509 of this SUPPLEMENT*), subject to such additions and alterations as may hereafter be notified to the Representatives.*

III.—ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.

(For Annual Report of Council, 1911–12, see B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT of May 11th, 1912, page 441.)

4. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of the Council for the year 1911–12, and Estimate of Income and Expenditure for the year 1912, be received.

5. **Motion** (by the CHAIRMAN): That all Motions by Divisions and Branches which relate to matters dealt with in the Annual Report of Council be considered as amendments or riders to the Recommendations, if any, to which they are relevant, or to the motion: "That the remainder of the Report under the heading . . . . . be approved."

(A) Preliminary.

6. **Motion:** That paragraphs 1 to 10 of the Annual Report of Council ("Preliminary") be approved (see page 442 of B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT of May 11th, 1912).

(B) Finance.

7. **Motion:** That the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for the year 1911 (paragraphs 11–27) be approved (see pages 443–51).

8. **Motion:** That paragraph 28 (Apportionment of Member's Subscription) be approved (page 451).

9. **Motion:** That paragraph 29 (Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts for 1912) be approved (page 451).

10. **Motion:** That paragraph 30 (National Insurance Act) be approved (page 451).

(C) Organization.

Resignation of Membership when Dispute or Inquiry Pending.

11. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 37, *see* page 453):

That By-law 13 (2) be amended by the substitution of the words "three months'" for the words "one month's" in the fifth line.

[*Present By-law 13 (2).*

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(2) No member shall (except in case of his expulsion, or of his ceasing to be a member under the provisions of Clause (*c*) of the 10th Article of Association or under the previous provision of this By-law) cease to be a Member without having given one month's previous notice in writing of his intention in that behalf to the Association at the Head Office, and having paid all arrears of subscription (if any) due from him.]

Maps of Division and Branch Areas.

12. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 42, *see* page 454):

That the present time is inopportune for the preparation of a complete set of official maps, but that this should be done as soon as it can with advantage be undertaken, and that meantime maps be continued to be supplied, so far as possible, to Division and Branch Secretaries requiring them.

Referendum and Postal Vote.

13. **Motion.** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 44, *see* page 454):

That in view of counsel's opinion on the question of giving effect, in the Regulations of the Association, to the report on the Referendum and Postal Vote, approved by the Annual Representative Meeting, 1911, Minute 330 of the Annual Representative Meeting, 1910, be referred to the Council for further consideration and report.

[*Minute 330 of Annual Representative Meeting, 1910.*

330. Resolved: That while recognizing the necessity of proceeding without delay with the formation of a new company, the Representative Meeting considers it desirable that a full consideration should be given by the Association to the question of the Referendum by postal vote, and the arrangements generally for securing that the decision of the Representative Meeting shall, as far as possible, represent accurately the opinion of the Association, and that it be an instruction to the Council to prepare a report on these subjects for the consideration of the Divisions, and, after receiving and considering the replies of the Divisions, to submit a report with recommendations to the next possible Representative Meeting, whether that takes place under the present company or under the new company which it is proposed to form.]

Grouping of Branches in United Kingdom for Year 1913–14.

14. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 48, *see* page 455):

That the grouping of Branches and Divisions in the United Kingdom for the election of members of Council for the year 1913–14 be the same as for the years 1911–12 and 1912–13.

Machinery of Association in connexion with Disputes.

15. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 54, *see* page 455):

1. That (with rare exceptions) Warning Notices should never be inserted for those Divisions which have not adopted Rule Z. Where the case seems to demand action in spite of this deficiency—as, for example, where some appointment is offered in flagrant opposition to the declared policy of the Association—a Warning Notice should only be issued on the instruction of the Chairman of the Central Ethical Committee after the Medical Secretary or one of his staff has visited the place and assured himself, after an interview with the Division Executive, that the dispute will be conducted vigorously, and that the Division thoroughly understands its responsibilities.

16. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 54, *see* page 455):

2. That Divisions should be given clearly to understand that the insertion of a Warning Notice pledges them to take active disciplinary measures against offenders.

17. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 54, *see* page 455):

3. That it should be a rule that a Division which has not been proved by experience to be able to conduct a dispute satisfactorily, even if in possession of proper Rules, should not be allowed to enter on a case necessitating the use of a Warning Notice until there has been an interview between a representative of the Central Office and the Executive of the Division concerned.

Remainder of Report.

18. **Motion:** That the remainder of the Annual Report of Council under heading "Organization" (paragraphs 31–62, *see* pages 451–6) be approved.

19. **Rider** (arising out of paragraph 34, "New Company") by NORTH MIDDLESEX:

That it be an instruction to the Council of the Association to seek to obtain the opinion of the Divisions as to the desirability of the Association becoming a registered trade union.

(D) "British Medical Journal."

20. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council under heading "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL" (paragraphs 63–8, *see* pages 456–7) be approved.

(E) Science.

21. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council under heading "Science" (paragraphs 69–74, *see* page 457) be approved.

(F) Medical Ethics.

Position of Practitioners Examining Patients under Care of other Practitioners.

22. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 75, *see* page 457):

(A) That the Report on the Position of Practitioners Examining on behalf of Interested Persons should not be held to affect the work of Certifying Factory Surgeons, inasmuch as:

(i) They are acting on behalf of the State, which has no monetary interest in the cases.

(ii) Their duties are to report on the circumstances relating to accidents, and the prevention of similar accidents.

(iii) Such duties do not involve any detailed examination of the injuries or any reference to their treatment.

23. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 75, *see* page 458):

(B) That in Rule (3), as follows:

(3) If the medical attendant fails to appear at the time agreed upon, the medical inspector may proceed with his examination forthwith;

the word "stated" be substituted for the words "agreed upon."

Co-operation of Divisions in Ethical Cases.

24. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 76, *see* page 458):

That the Representative Body is of opinion that the time is not opportune for providing that Resolutions passed by Divisions and Branches under Rule Z shall be automatically operative throughout the Association, but that the adoption of Rule Z

by all Branches would to a great extent have the desired effect.

Model Ethical Rules for Divisions and Branches.

25. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 77, *see* page 458):

(*a*) That the Model Ethical Rules of a Division not itself a Branch be approved.

26. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be approved (paragraph 77, *see* page 458):

(*b*) That the Model Ethical Rules of a Branch composed of several Divisions be approved.

27. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be approved (paragraph 77, *see* page 458):

(*c*) That the Model Ethical Rules of a Branch composed of one Division be adopted.

28. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 77, *see* page 458):

(*d*) That all Divisions and Branches in the United Kingdom be urged to adopt the Model Ethical Rules, as approved by the Representative Body, without modification and in substitution for all such Rules now in use by the Divisions and Branches respectively.

Remainder of Report.

29. **Motion:** That the remainder of the Annual Report of Council under heading "Medical Ethics" (paragraphs 75–81, *see* pages 457–9) be approved.

(G) Medico-Political.

Question of Diploma in Psychiatry.

30. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 86, *see* page 459):

That the Representative Body approve the Recommendation of the Section of Psychological Medicine and Neurology, Annual Meeting, 1910, concerning the desirability of the institution of a post-graduate course and diploma in Psychiatry.

Employment of Medical Students by Medical Practitioners.

31. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 94, *see* page 461):

That, as there is no advantage to the medical student, so far as his curriculum is concerned, in being employed by a Medical Practitioner, and as there is undoubted risk to the practitioner of a charge of "covering," the advice of the Association, when asked for in this connexion, should be to discourage the practice of the employment of medical students by medical practitioners.

Certificates and Reports on Cases under Workmen's Compensation Act, and Members of Hospital Staffs.

32. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 99, *see* pages 461–2):

That the Representative Body adopt the following principles:

(i) That the furnishing of certificates in cases of injury to workmen is no part of the duty of members of the honorary or paid medical staffs of voluntary hospitals.

(*For opinion of the Solicitor of the Association as to liability of employer for cost of certificates as to workmen's fitness or unfitness to work see* Appendix XVI to Report of Council, p. 497 of SUPPLEMENT of May 11th.)

(ii) That a certificate of attendance of a workman at hospital, containing no information as to the nature of the case, should not be regarded as a medical certificate.

(iii) That any medical certificate expressing an opinion as to the fitness or unfitness of a patient to follow his employment, or any report on such cases, under the Workmen's Compensation Act, given by any member of the staff of a voluntary hospital, whether honorary or paid, should be paid for, and a fee should be received by the medical practitioner who signs the certificate.

(iv) That in the case of all medical certificates and reports under the Workmen's Compensation Act, given by the members of the staffs of voluntary hospitals, whether honorary or paid, the fee should be not less that £1 1s.

(v) That in the case of all initial examinations with certificate or report under the Workmen's Compensation Act given by a practitioner not as a member of the staff of any voluntary hospital, the fee should be not less than 10s. 6d.

Certificates under Employers' Liability Act, 1880, or Common Law, in respect of any Injury or Disease.

33. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 100, *see* page 462):

That in the case of certificates and reports by medical practitioners, given under the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, or at common law, in respect of any injury or disease, the same principles shall apply as in the case of certificates and reports under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Remainder of Report.

34. **Motion:** That the remainder of the Annual Report of Council under heading "Medico-Political" (paragraphs 82–104, *see* pages 459–62) be approved.

(H) State Sickness Insurance.

35. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council under heading "State Sickness Insurance" (paragraph 105, *see* page 462) be approved.

36. **Rider** by CHELSEA:

That the State Sickness Insurance Committee be instructed to approach the General Medical Council, to ascertain if that body will be prepared to accept a charge of infamous conduct (such charge to be formulated by the British Medical Association) against any medical practitioner who may be guilty of accepting any appointment which another practitioner has resigned when called upon by the British Medical Association to do so, or any further contract work which includes insured persons on terms which are not acceptable to the Local Provisional Medical Committee for his area.

(I) Public Health and Poor Law.

Question of Definition of "Official Duties" of Medical Officers of Health.

37. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 106, *see* page 462):

That the term "official duties" occurring in Minutes 141–3 of the Annual Representative Meeting, 1911, be understood to include such duties as are comprehended under the terms of any definite official appointment which does not offer any opportunity for competition with any private medical practitioner.

[*Minutes 141–3 of A. R. M., 1911, referred to:*

Minutes 141–3.—Resolved: That the following amended form of Minute 234 of the Annual Representative Meeting, 1909, be adopted;

That, in the general interests of Public Health and the Medical Profession, it is desirable (i) that Medical Officers of Health should, as a rule (and without prejudice to those at present holding part-time appointments), be required to devote their whole time to official duties; (ii) that all Medical Officers of Health should be adequately paid, districts being grouped where necessary to make this practicable; (iii) that all Medical Officers of Health should be admitted to participation in a Government Superannuation Scheme; and (iv) that all Medical Officers of Health should be protected, in the proper discharge of their duties, against capricious dismissal or reduction of salaries.]

Membership of Public Health Committee.

38. **Motion:** That the following Recommendation of Council be adopted (paragraph 107, *see* page 463):

That the Representative Body instruct the Council to take the necessary steps to amend the Schedule

to the By-laws so as to provide that the number of elected members of the Public Health Committee be 8 instead of 6, namely, 4 appointed by the Representative Body, and 4 by the Council.

Remainder of Report.

39. **Motion:** That the remainder of the Annual Report of Council under heading "Public Health and Poor Law" (paragraphs 106–14, *see* pages 462–3) be approved.

(J) Hospitals.

40. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council under heading "Hospitals" (paragraphs 115–9, *see* page 464) be approved.

(K) Naval and Military.

41. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council under heading "Naval and Military" (paragraphs 120–1, *see* page 464) be approved.

(L) Scotland.

42. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council, under heading "Scotland" (paragraph 122, *see* page 464) be approved.

(M) Ireland.

43. **Motion:** That the Annual Report of Council, under heading "Ireland" (paragraph 123, *see* page 464) be approved.

GENERAL APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.

44. **Motion:** That, subject to the amendments and other resolutions adopted by the Meeting with reference thereto, the Annual Report of Council be approved as a whole.

IV.—SPECIAL REPORTS OF COUNCIL (IF ANY).

V.—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (IF ANY).

VI.—ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS OF ASSOCIATION.

(SEE ALSO ITEM 11 ABOVE.)

Election of Members by Branches.

45. **Motion** by VICTORIAN BRANCH:

That the following Subsection (3) be added to present By-law 5 of the Association:

(3) Where a candidate for election has been recently domiciled within the territory of an oversea Branch, election of such candidate by a Branch in the United Kingdom or another oversea Branch shall be provisional until the Council of the Branch in the previous place of domicile has been communicated with.

[Existing By-law 5:

Election by Branches.

5.—(1) In the case of a Branch in the United Kingdom the mode of election of new members shall be as follows: Every candidate who resides within the area of a Branch shall forward his application to the Secretary of such Branch. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the Branch Secretary to the Association at the Head Office, and to every member of the Branch Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a member of the Association by the Branch Council at any meeting thereof held not less than seven days (or such longer period as the Branch may by its Rules prescribe) after the date of the said notice. A Branch may require that each candidate for election shall furnish a certificate signed by two Members (either of the Association, or of the Branch, or of the Division in which he resides, as the Rules of the Branch may prescribe) stating that from personal knowledge they consider him a suitable person for election.

(2) In the case of a Branch not in the United Kingdom the mode of election shall be such as may, with the consent of the Council, be prescribed by the Rules of the Branch.]

(B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT, April 20th, 1912.)

Voting in Representative Meetings.

46. **Motion** by LEICESTER AND RUTLAND:

That By-law 39 (3) be amended by the substitution of the words "according to the List of Members last issued to the Secretaries of Divisions" for the words "according to the Annual List then in force."

[Existing By-law 39 (3):

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3. Where a vote is taken by card the Representative of each Constituency shall be entitled (or, in the case of a Constituency electing two or more Representatives, such of those Representatives as are present shall together be entitled) to record a total number of votes equal to the number of Members in that Constituency according to the Annual List then in force; and where two or more Representatives of a Constituency are present the total number of votes of that Constituency shall be divided equally between those Representatives, fractions of votes being ignored. Members of Council representing the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services shall not take part in a vote taken by card.]

Schedule to By-laws, so far as Relating to Central Ethical Committee.

47. **Motion** by VICTORIAN BRANCH:

That the following words be added at the end of the statement of duties, powers, etc., of the Central Ethical Committee in the Schedule to the present By-laws:

"Where an ethical complaint has been dealt with by the Council of a Branch outside of the United Kingdom, an appeal to the Council of the Association shall not be allowed except by permission of the Council of the Branch."

[Extract from present Schedule to By-laws:

Duties, Powers, etc., of Central Ethical Committee.

To advise the Council on questions connected with Rules of Divisions and Branches relating to professional conduct, to investigate and report to the Council upon the cases of Members whose conduct is to be considered by the Council on the representation of Divisions or Branches pursuant to the Regulations, and generally to advise and, where so directed, act for the Council on all questions of professional conduct; also to adjudicate in matters of dispute as to professional conduct arising between Members of the Association or Members of the Profession, or at the discretion of the Committee to refer any question arising in connection with such a dispute to any Division or Branch, or to any Divisions or Branches jointly, for investigation or for adjudication subject to an appeal to the Committee; and so that any person directly concerned in such a dispute shall have a right of appeal to the Council from the decision of the Committee, and that the decision of the Committee subject to such appeal, and the decision of the Council upon any such appeal shall be binding upon the parties and upon all Members of the Association.]

(B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT, April 20th, 1912.)

VII.—OTHER MOTIONS BY DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

Expenses of Representatives.

(In connexion with the following Motion, *see* paragraph 35 of Annual Report of Council, page 452 of BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of May 11th; and Appendix II thereto, page 465 of that SUPPLEMENT.)

48. **Motion** by EAST NORFOLK:

That in the opinion of this Meeting the time has now come when the Council should take into consideration the payment of the necessary out-of-pocket expenses of Representatives at Representative Meetings.

[Existing By-law 71:

Expenses.

71. The expenses of any person which, in pursuance of the 39th Article of Association, are to be defrayed out of the general funds of the Association, are the first-class travelling expenses within the United Kingdom of that person.]

(B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT, April 20th, 1912.)

Time of Holding of Representative Meetings.

49. **Motion** by CHELSEA:

That the Annual Representative Meeting shall commence on the third Tuesday in July.

Representatives and Deputy-Representatives.

50. **Motion** by WESTMINSTER:

That the Council be instructed to frame alterations in the Regulations of the Association carrying out the principles contained in the following Motion, and submit them to the next Representative Meeting, Special or Annual:

That it should be possible for a Representative to resign his position and for the post to be filled up at any time; that it should be possible for a Division to dismiss a Representative by a majority of those present at a Special Meeting of the Division called for the purpose: that in the event of a Representative being able only to attend part of a Representative Meeting it should be possible for a Division to appoint a Deputy to act during such time as the Representative is unable to attend.

Local Autonomy for Australian (or Australasian) Branches.

51. **Motion** by SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH:

That the constitution of the British Medical Association be amended:

A. So as to provide:

1. For the creation of an Australian (or Australasian) Council consisting of Members elected by the Branches in Australia (Australasia) and having such powers and duties as will enable it to administer the affairs of the Association in Australia (Australasia) in so far as such affairs are of local concern and do not affect the Association outside Australia (Australasia);

2. For the holding of General Meetings of the Members of the Association residing in Australia (Australasia);

3. For the creation of a Representative Body in Australia (Australasia), analogous to the Representative Body of the Association;

or

B. So as to provide in some other manner than that hereinbefore proposed for the federation of the Australian (Australasian) Branches with autonomy in regard to matters of Australian (Australasian) concern not affecting the Association outside Australia (Australasia).

(B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT, April 20th, 1912.)

Grouping of Branches not in United Kingdom for 1913–14.

52. **Motion** by HONG KONG AND CHINA BRANCH:

That the new arrangement of grouping of Branches not in the United Kingdom, whereby the Hong Kong and China Branch is grouped with the various Branches in India, Burma, Ceylon and Malaya for the purpose of electing one member of the Council of the Association, does not give that Branch adequate representation, and seriously curtails the rights and privileges of the Members of the Branch; that therefore one Member of Council should be allotted to the Hong Kong and China Branch, together with the Malaya Branch, and another Member of Council allotted to the Branches in India, Burma, and Ceylon, which Branches have interests more or less in common; and that in the event of this proposal being approved by the Representative Body the Member of Council representing the Hong Kong and China and Malaya Branches should be elected from Members of each of the two Branches alternately.

(B.M.J. SUPPLEMENT, April 20th, 1912.)

VIII.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

(*a*) Elect a President of the Association under By-laws 37 and 57.

(*b*) Elect a Chairman of Representative Meetings under By-laws 37 and 58.

(*c*) Elect a Deputy-Chairman of Representative Meetings under By-law 37.

IX.—ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AND HONORARY MEMBERS (IF ANY) UNDER BY-LAWS 62, AND 8 AND 37 RESPECTIVELY.

X.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

(*a*) Election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives under By-law 43 (*c*).

(*b*) Elect 4 members of Council under By-law 43 (*d*).

XI.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

Elect Members of Finance, Organization, Journal, Central Ethical, Medico-Political, Public Health, Hospitals, Naval and Military, and Colonial Committees; and other Committees, if any (*see* Standing Orders 37–47, page 512 of this SUPPLEMENT).

XII.—STANDING ORDERS.

Consider proposed Amendments of Standing Orders other than those relating to the order of business.

XIII.—ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

XIV.—CONFIRM MINUTES.

By Order,

ALFRED COX,

Medical Secretary.

May 16th, 1912.

STANDING ORDERS

RELATIVE TO

BUSINESS AT REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS,

As adopted at London, February, 1912.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(A)—*Annual Representative Meeting.*

1. Except as may be otherwise determined in the manner prescribed by the Standing Orders, the order of business shall be as follows:

i. **Election Returns.**—Receive the return of the Election of Representatives of Divisions for the year, and receive notices, if any, of the appointment of substitutes for Representatives under By-law 32.

ii. **Standing Orders.**—Adopt Standing Orders.

iii. **Annual Report of Council.**—Receive the Annual Report of the Council with the Balance Sheet and Financial Statement for the past year, and the Estimate of income and expenditure for the current year presented under Article 40, and consider motions relating to the adoption thereof in whole or in part.

iv. **Special Reports of Council.**—Receive Special Reports of the Council, if any, in the order in which the Council shall submit them for consideration, and consider motions for the adoption thereof in whole or in part.

v. **Reports of Committees (if any).**—Receive Reports of Committees, if any, and consider motions for the adoption of the same in whole or in part.

vi. **Consider By-laws.**—Consider, in such order as the Meeting shall determine, any motions placed upon the Agenda of the Meeting, by which it is proposed to make By-laws or to alter or repeal existing By-laws.

vii. **Consider other Motions by Divisions or Branches.**—Consider, in such order as the Meeting shall determine, any other motions placed upon the Agenda of the Meeting by Divisions or Branches.

viii. **Election of Officers.**—Elect at such time as the Meeting shall determine:—

(*a*) President of the Association under By-law 57.

(*b*) Chairman of Representative Meetings, under By-law 58.
(*c*) Deputy-Chairman of Representative Meetings, under By-law 37.
(*d*) Treasurer (if the office be vacant), under By-law 61.

ix. **Election of Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members.**—Consider, at such time as the Meeting shall determine, nominations, if any, by the Council of:—
(*a*) Vice-Presidents, under By-law 62.
(*b*) Honorary Members, under By-law 8.

x. **Election of Members of Council.**—Elect at such time as the Meeting shall determine:—
(*a*) Twelve Members of Council, under By-law 43 (*c*);
(*b*) Four Members of Council, under By-law 43 (*d*);
(*c*) Three Members of Council, under By-law 43 (*e*).

xi. **Election of Members of Committees.**—Elect Members of Standing Committees in accordance with the By-laws, and such Members of other Committees and Conferences, if any, as it falls to the Representative Meeting to elect.

xii. **Amendment of Standing Orders.**—Consider proposed amendments of Standing Orders, other than those relating to the order of business

2. General Order of Daily Sessions; Confirmation of Minutes.—The matters described in Clause 1 shall be considered in the order therein prescribed, or as otherwise duly determined, from day to day until the completion thereof or until the expiration of four days from the first day of the Meeting, whichever shall first occur; provided that at each daily session after the first, the Meeting shall, before proceeding to the consideration of the matters aforesaid, (A) confirm the Minutes of the Proceedings of the previous daily session; (B) consider motions, if any, relating to the order of business of the day. At the conclusion of the business of the last daily session the Meeting shall confirm the Minutes thereof for presentation to the Council.

4. Hours of Daily Sessions.—All Representative Meetings not concluded by 6.30 p.m. shall stand adjourned either to 8 p.m. of the same day, or to the next day, as may be decided by a show of hands. All such Meetings shall stand adjourned at 10 p.m.

4. Varying Order of Business.—The order of business may be varied at any time by the vote of two-thirds of those present and voting.

5. Precedence of Motions of which Notice Given.—Motions and amendments of which notice shall have been given to the Secretary of the Meeting in time for them to be circulated with the Minutes of the previous day's proceedings, shall have precedence, in the order in which such notice shall have been given, over those relating to the same subject, or otherwise having a like claim to precedence in the order of business, of which such notice has not been given.

6. Motions on the Same Subject.—If two or more of the motions placed on the Agenda of the Meeting by the Council and by Divisions and Branches shall appear to the Chairman to relate to the same subject, he shall ascertain the will of the Meeting in respect of the consideration of one of such motions as an original motion, and of the others as amendments thereto, in such order as the Meeting may determine.

7. Motions on Subjects dealt with in Reports.—If any Motion placed upon the Agenda shall in the opinion of the Chairman relate to the same subject as a Recommendation or other portion of a Report submitted by the Council or by a Committee, the Chairman shall ascertain the will of the Meeting as to whether the said Motion shall be considered as an Amendment or Rider to the adoption or approval of the said Recommendation or other portion of a Report.

8. Resolutions Involving Special Expenditure.—The Meeting shall not proceed on any motion involving special expenditure which has not previously been considered by the Finance Committee.

(B).—*Special Representative Meetings.*

9. Read Authority for Convening Meeting.—Read the Resolution of Council, or the requisition from Divisions, in pursuance of which the Meeting is convened.

10. Notice of Substitutes.—Receive notices, if any, of the appointment of substitutes for Representatives.

11. Order of Business.—If the Meeting is convened to consider more than one matter, determine the order in which such matters shall be considered.

12. Special Business.—Consider the matters which the Meeting is specifically convened to consider, in order determined by the Meeting.

13. Minutes.—Confirm the minutes of the Meeting for presentation to the Council.

II.—COMPOSITION AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE MEETING.

14. Composition.—The Persons constituting the Meeting, hereinafter called members of the Meeting, shall be those duly elected Representatives of Divisions, or substitutes duly appointed under By-law 32, of whose election or appointment the Secretary of the Meeting shall have received due notice, together with Members of Council for the time being in office, or elected to take office at the conclusion of the Meeting.

15. Arrangement.—Distinctive seats shall be provided for the following groups of persons respectively, namely:
(A) Representatives of Divisions.
(B) Members of Council who are not Representatives of Divisions or Officers of the Association.
(C) Officers of the Association, present in virtue of their office, or at the request of the Meeting, for the assistance thereof.
(D) Members of the Association who are not Representatives of Divisions or Members of Council.
(E) Reporters representing such journals as may be authorised by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Meeting.

16. Withdrawal of Strangers.—It shall be competent at any time for a member of the Meeting to move that persons who are not members of the Meeting be requested to withdraw, or that persons who are not Members of the Association be requested to withdraw, but it shall rest in the discretion of the Chairman to submit or not to submit such motion to the Meeting.

III.—PROCEDURE.

17. Temporary Chairman.—In the absence of the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Deputy-Chairman shall preside; or, if he be also absent, the Chairman of Council or the Treasurer, if present, shall take the chair, and call upon the Meeting to appoint a temporary Chairman.

18. Minutes.—Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of the Meeting, and the same shall be duly entered in a book provided for the purpose. The Minutes of each daily session of the Annual Representative Meeting shall be printed and circulated to the Members of the Meeting. Minutes (if) (when) printed in the Daily Journal of the Annual Meeting shall be deemed thereby to have been circulated as required by this order.

19. Attendance.—No Representative shall leave the Meeting without permission obtained personally from the Chairman at the time of leaving. If during any daily session of a Representative Meeting it shall at any time appear to the Chairman that a quorum is not present, the roll shall be called of Representatives appointed to attend the Meeting, and those Representatives who are found to be then absent, not having previously obtained leave from the Chairman, shall be deemed to have been absent from the said session. A list of Members reported as absent from any daily session or sessions of a Representative Meeting shall be supplied at the close of such Meeting to the Chairman and shall by him be transmitted to the Council, together with such explanations of the cause of absence as any Members so reported may have furnished to him in writing.

20. Reports: Notice.—Subject as herein provided, no Report by the Council, or by a Committee, to the Representative Meeting shall be considered by the Meeting unless it shall have been sent to the Divisions and published in the JOURNAL at least one month before such Meeting. The exceptions to this rule shall be—
(A) That the Council shall submit, in addition to their Annual Report, a Supplementary Report dealing with those matters of importance, arising subsequent to the issue of the Annual Report in which action has been taken, or action by the Representative Meetings is recommended.
(B) That any Special Committee appointed by the Representative Meeting shall report in accordance with the terms of the instructions given to such Committee by the Meeting.

21. Form of Reports.—Reports of Council and Reports, if any, of Standing Committees, to the Representive Meeting, shall comprise the following:—
(i.) A list of matters referred by the Representative Meeting to the Council or Committee.
(ii.) Reports with specific recommendations upon all matters in which the Council or Committee considers that action should be taken involving a new declaration of policy or expenditure not already authorised.
(iii.) A short report of all action taken by the Council or Committee in accordance with instructions of the Meeting.
(iv.) A list of matters under consideration but not completed.

22. **Presentation of Reports.**—The report of the Council or of a Committee shall be presented by the Chairman, or, in his absence, by a Member, of the body submitting such Report, who shall move—

(i.) That the Report be received.
(ii.) That the Recommendations, if any, be adopted.
(iii.) That the rest of the Report be approved.

The adoption of each recommendation shall be the subject of a separate motion. The approval of the rest of the Report shall be moved as a whole, unless the Chairman rule or the Meeting resolve that the approval of each paragraph, or of any specified paragraph, be the subject of a separate motion.

23. **Amendments and Riders**—

(i.) To a motion that the Report be received, no amendment shall be moved.
(ii.) To a Motion that a Recommendation be adopted amendments may be moved.
(iii.) To a motion that a Report, or a specified paragraph of a Report, be approved, an amendment may be moved to the effect that the Meeting do disagree with, or do refer back to the Council or Committee, any specified portion thereof, or that with reference thereto the meeting do express an opinion in terms stated.

24. **Procedure as to Other Motions.**—Motions placed on the Agenda of the Meeting by a Branch shall be introduced by a Member of Council elected by the Branch, and Motions so placed by a Division shall be introduced by the Representative thereof.

25. **Absence of Authorised Mover of Adoption of Report or Other Motion.**—In the absence of any Member authorised to make any motion referred to in Standing Order III., 22 and 24, any other Member deputed by such Member may make such motion on his behalf, and if no Member shall have been so deputed, such motion shall be made formally by the Chairman.

26. **Seconding Motions.**—No seconder shall be required for any of the motions referred to in Standing Order III., 22 and 24. All other motions and all amendments shall be required to be moved and seconded.

27. **References to Central Executive.**—Each motion or amendment which is of the nature of an instruction or reference to any central executive body, other than a Committee, specially appointed by the Representative Meeting, shall be moved in the form of an instruction or a reference to the Council.

28. **Rescission of Resolutions.**—No motion to rescind any Resolution of a Representative Meeting, arrived at after due consideration of the Divisions, shall be in order at any subsequent Representative Meeting, unless at least two months' notice of such proposed motion shall have been given to the Divisions through the Supplement to the JOURNAL.

29. **Time Limits of Speeches.**—(A) A member of the Meeting shall be allowed to speak for fifteen minutes in moving a resolution which does not require seconding, and for ten minutes in moving any other resolution, or any amendment. Except as aforesaid, no speech shall exceed five minutes.

30. **Reducing Time Limit.**—(B) The Meeting may at any period of any session reduce the time to be allowed to speakers, whether in moving resolutions or otherwise, during the remainder of such session.

31. **Voting.**—Only Representatives of Divisions shall vote on any question before the Meeting.

32. **Mode of Voting.**—Voting shall be by show of hands, except in the cases following, namely:—

(i.) **Vote by Card.**—(A) If, upon the Chairman proceeding to take the vote of the Meeting upon any motion or amendment, any Representative of a Constituency shall move that the said vote be taken by card, and twenty Representatives rise in their places in support of such motion, the vote shall be taken by card, and the names of those voting for and against such motion or amendment, of those not voting, and of the Constituencies which they severally represent, shall be entered on the minutes.

(ii.) **Division.**—(B) If the Chairman, after taking a vote by show of hands upon any motion or amendment, shall be of opinion that the numbers of members voting for and against such motion or amendment are not thereby ascertained with sufficient accuracy, he shall have power to direct that the Meeting shall divide upon the said motion or amendment.

(iii.) **Vote by Roll Call.**—(C) If, upon the Chairman proceeding to take the vote of the Meeting upon any motion or amendment, it shall be moved and seconded that the said vote be taken by roll call, and ten Representatives rise in their places in support of such motion, the vote shall be taken by roll call, and the names of those voting for and against such motion or amendment, of those not voting, and of the Constituencies which they severally represent, shall be entered on the minutes and published in the Supplement.

33. **Election of Officers of the Association:**

NOMINATION.

(i.) Nominations for the offices of President of the Association, Chairman of Representative Meetings, Deputy Chairman of Representative Meetings, and Treasurer, shall be handed in writing to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than one hour after the commencement of the second day's proceedings. Each nomination shall be signed by the nominator, and shall contain a declaration that the candidate nominated has agreed to serve.

(ii.) If only one candidate be nominated for any office, such candidate shall at once be declared by the Chairman to be elected.

VOTING.

(iii.) If more than one candidate be duly nominated, the names of all such candidates shall be duly placed in a voting paper, which shall be issued and collected at such times as the Meeting shall direct. Each voter shall number the names of the candidates for each office in the order of his preference.

The Scrutineers shall proceed as follows:

(a) On the first count each candidate shall be credited with the number of votes given by those voters who have numbered him (1), and if any candidate be found to have received an absolute majority of votes cast he shall be declared to be elected.
(b) If no candidate be thus elected, that candidate who has received fewest votes shall be excluded, and his votes shall be transferred to the candidates respectively numbered as next preference on his voting papers, and any candidate now found to have an absolute majority shall be declared to be elected.
(c) If after the first transfer, no candidate be declared to be elected, the procedure of exclusion and transfer shall be repeated, and so on until one candidate is declared to be elected.
(d) If on a count between three candidates no candidate be found to be elected, and the candidates who have fewer have an equal number of votes, the preferences on the voting papers of the highest candidate shall, for the time being, be credited to the other two candidates, and that candidate who has fewer votes shall be excluded.
(e) If on a count between two candidates, after the others have been excluded, the votes are equal, that candidate who has the larger number of first preference votes shall be declared to be elected.
(f) In any case of equality subsisting after this procedure, one of the candidates shall be excluded by lot.
(g) Any voting paper shall become invalid if its preferences be exhausted before a candidate is declared elected.

ENTRANCE INTO OFFICE.

(iv.) Except with regard to *ex-officio* membership of Council and Committees, the Chairman and Deputy Chairman so elected shall not assume their functions until the close of the Annual Meeting.

34. **Election of Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members.**—The name of any person nominated by the Council for election as a Vice-President or an Honorary Member shall be submitted to the Meeting from the Chair.

35. **Election of Twelve Members of Council by Grouped Representatives under By-law 43 (c)**—

(i.) The election shall take place at the time of the Annual Representative Meeting.
(ii.) Nominations for a Member of Council to be elected by any group of Representatives shall be required to be made by a Division (through its Representative) or by a Representative of a Division included in the group.
(iii.) Nominations shall be required to be on the prescribed form.
(iv.) Nominations shall be received up to the end of the first hour of the third days' session of the Annual Representative Meeting.
(v.) There shall be issued to each Representative or Deputy Representative of a Constituency in the United Kingdom in attendance at the Meeting a voting paper containing the names of all candidates

duly nominated for election as Members of Council by the group to which such Representative belongs.

(vi.) The voting paper shall be in the prescribed form.

(vii.) Each Representative shall number the candidates on the list in the order of his preference. The voting papers shall be collected at such time as the Meeting shall direct.

(viii.) The votes shall be counted in accordance with the method of the Single Transferable Vote. In the event of two candidates being found at any stage in the counting to have the same number of votes in their favour, each voter shall be credited with the number of votes which he would be entitled to give on a vote by card, and the candidate who shall then be found to have received the greatest number of votes shall have the preference.

(ix.) The details of the voting shall be placed before, and verified by, the Chairman before being declared.

36. Election of 4 Members of Council under By-law 43 (d)—

(i.) Nominations of candidates for election as Member of Council by the Representative Meeting under By-law 43, Sub-paragraph (d), shall be handed to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than the end of the first hour of the morning session, on the fourth day of the Annual Representative Meeting.

(ii.) Any Member of the Association may be nominated for election.

(iii.) A nomination may be made by any person entitled to take part in the meeting. Each nomination shall be on the prescribed form, which shall contain a statement of the candidate's experience in the Central Executive work of the Association, and shall contain, or be accompanied by, a statement by the candidate that he is willing to serve if elected.

(iv.) Voting papers containing the names of all candidates duly nominated, with such particulars as to their previous official experience as are stated in the nomination papers, shall be distributed to all Representatives or Deputy-Representatives in attendance at the Meeting, at the commencement of the afternoon session on the fourth day of the Annual Representative Meeting.

(v.) Each voter shall number the names of candidates in the order of his preference—one, two, three, etc., and sign the Voting Paper.

(vi.) The votes shall be counted and the result of the Election ascertained by the method of the single transferable vote.

(vii.) The details of the voting shall be submitted to, and verified by, the Chairman before the result is declared.

Election of Members of Standing Committees.

37. There shall be an Election Returns Committee of the Representative Meeting, which shall consist of the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Chairman of Council, the Deputy-Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Chairmen of those Standing Committees of which under the By-laws Members are appointed by the Representative Meeting and the Chairman of the Scottish and Irish Committees.

38. The Committee shall prepare a Return showing for each Committee, Members of which are elected by the Meeting: (1) the Members of such Committee for the past year (those not appointed by the Representative Meeting being specially indicated); (2) the years of service on the Committee; (3) their possible and actual attendances at (i.) Meetings of the full Committee, and (ii.) Meetings of its Sub-Committees, held up to three weeks before the commencement of the Annual Meeting. The Return shall be issued to each Representative with the Agenda of the Meeting.

39. With regard to the Finance, Journal, and Organisation Committees, only Representatives of Divisions shall be eligible for appointment.

40. After the commencement of the Annual Representative Meeting, the Committee shall prepare a list of nominations for the various Committees. In this list it shall indicate which of those nominated are Representatives, and which, if any, are Members of Council for the ensuing year.

41. In preparing the list the Committee shall have regard to (A) geographical representation on Committees where this is important; (B) the previous attendance of Members on Committees; (C) the declarations of Members as to the Committees on which they are prepared to serve.

42. With the Agenda of the Representative Meeting nomination papers for Committees shall be issued to all Members of the Meeting.

43. Each Member of the Meeting shall be entitled to nominate not more than one Member for each Committee.

44. Nomination papers by Members of the Meeting shall be handed to the Secretary of the Meeting.

45. No Representative shall be eligible for election by the Representative Meeting as a Member of more than two Committees, and no person not a Representative shall be eligible for election by the Representative Meeting as a Member of more than one Committee. If any Representative be nominated as a Member of more than two Committees, the Committee shall ascertain from him on which he prefers to serve, or, if this be impracticable, shall decide which nomination shall stand; and if any person, not a representative, be nominated for more than one Committee, the Committee shall decide which of such nominations shall stand.

46. Voting papers, containing the names of all candidates duly nominated, shall be circulated to all Representatives at the commencement of the fourth day's proceedings, and shall be collected before 1 p.m. that day.

47. The word "Representative" in these Standing Orders shall be taken as meaning the duly appointed Representative of a Constituency, or, in his absence, the Deputy duly appointed in his stead, in attendance at the Meeting.

48.—Election of Service Members of Council.—The election of Members to represent the Royal Naval Medical Service, the Army Medical Service, and the Indian Medical Service on the Council shall be conducted as follows:—

(i.) In addition to Members nominated by the Council, it shall be open to any Member of the Representative Body to nominate a candidate for election as a Service Member of Council.

(ii.) Voting papers containing the names of all candidates duly nominated shall be circulated to the Representatives and be collected at the same time as the voting papers for the election of the Chairman and Deputy-Chairman of Representative Meetings.

(iii.) The votes shall be counted and the result of the election ascertained by the method of the single transferable vote.

(iv.) The details of the voting shall be submitted to the Chairman of Representative Meetings and verified by him before the result is declared.

Committee of the whole Representative Body.

49. Upon it being resolved that any item or items of the Agenda of a Representative Meeting be considered in Committee of the whole Representative Body, the following shall be the procedure:—

(i.) The consideration of the business in Committee shall take place at such time as the Representative Meeting shall determine.

(ii.) In Committee of the Representative Body, Representatives of Divisions and Members of Council respectively shall have the same rights of voting and speaking as in a Representative Meeting, and the rules of debate shall be the same as for a Representative Meeting, except that a Member may, subject to the consent of the Chairman, speak more than once on the same motion or amendment.

(iii.) On the conclusion of the consideration of the business referred to the Committee, the Committee shall confirm its Minutes as the Report of the Committee to the Representative Body, and the Representative Meeting shall thereupon resume.

(iv.) The proceedings of the Committee may be temporarily suspended at any time by a resolution that the Committee be adjourned, whereupon the Representative Meeting shall resume. The business of the Committee shall be resumed at such time as shall be fixed by the Committee, unless otherwise determined by a vote of the Representative Meeting.

IV.—RULES OF DEBATE.

50. Every Member shall be seated except the one who may be addressing the Meeting, and when the Chairman rises, no one shall continue to stand, nor shall any one rise until the Chair is resumed.

51. A member of the Meeting shall stand when speaking and shall address the Chair.

52. A member who speaks shall direct his speech strictly to the motion under discussion, or to a motion or amendment to be proposed by himself, or to a question of order.

53. A Member shall not address the Meeting more than once on any motion or amendment, but the mover of a resolution or amendment may reply, and in his reply shall strictly confine himself to answering previous speakers, and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate; provided always that a member may speak to a point of order, or, by consent of the Meeting, in explanation of some material part of a speech made by him, which he believes to have been misunderstood.

54. A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall not be altered or withdrawn without the consent of the Meeting.

55. An amendment shall be either—

To leave out words;
To leave out words and insert or add others;
To insert or add words;

or in such form as shall be approved of by the Chairman, provided always that the amendment be relevant to the motion on which it is moved, and be not equivalent to the direct negative thereof.

56. No notice of motion, or amendment to any motion before the Meeting, not already published, shall be considered by the Meeting until a copy of the same with the name of the proposer has been handed in in writing to the Chairman.

57. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but notice of any number of amendments may be given.

58. If any amendment be rejected, other amendments may be moved on the original motion. If an amendment be carried, the amendment or motion as amended shall take the place of the original motion, and shall become the question upon which any further amendment may be moved.

59. If it be proposed and seconded that the Meeting do now adjourn, or that the debate be adjourned, or that the Meeting do proceed to the next business, or that the question be now put, such motion shall immediately be put to the the without discussion, except as to the time of adjournment, provided always that the Chairman shall have power to decline to put to the Meeting the motions that the Meeting do proceed to the next business, or that the question be now put.

60. A motion that the Meeting do now adjourn, or that the Meeting do now proceed to the next business, or that the debate be now adjourned, or that the question be now put, shall not be made within a period of one hour after a previous motion to the like effect, unless, in the opinion of the Chairman, the circumstances are materially altered.

61. Smoking shall not be allowed during such time as the Chairman is in the Chair.

V.—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

62. Any one or more of the Standing Orders, in any case of urgency, or upon motion made on notice given through the Daily Journal, may be suspended at any Meeting, so far as regards any business of such Meeting, provided that three-fourths of those present and voting shall so decide.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

A MEETING of the Council was held at 429, Strand, London, W.C., on Wednesday, May 1st, 1912, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Present.

Dr. J. A. MACDONALD, LL.D., Taunton, Chairman of Council, in the Chair.
Sir JAMES BARR, M.D., LL.D., Liverpool, President-elect.
Dr. EWEN J. MACLEAN, Cardiff, Chairman of Representative Meetings.
Dr. EDWIN RAYNER, Stockport, Treasurer.

Dr. J. GRANT ANDREW, Glasgow
Dr. W. A. CARLINE, Lincoln
Mr. ANDREW CLARK, Uxbridge
Dr. J. S. DARLING, Lurgan
Dr. MICHAEL DEWAR, Edinburgh
Mr. E. J. DOMVILLE, Exeter
Dr. J. E. EDDISON, Leeds
Dr. DAVID EWART, Chichester (New Zealand Branch)
Mr. J. HENRY EWART, Eastbourne
Mr. C. E. S. FLEMMING, Bradford-on-Avon
Dr. E. W. GOODALL, London
Dr. JOHN GORDON, Aberdeen
Dr. W. GOSSE, Sittingbourne
Surgeon-General J. P. GREANY, I.M.S., Ealing (Indian Medical Service)
Dr. T. D. GREENLEES, London (Cape of Good Hope, Eastern, Western, and Border Branches)
Dr. MAJOR GREENWOOD, London
Dr. J. R. HAMILTON, Hawick
Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. H. DAVIE HARRIS, R.A.M.C., Teignmouth (Army Medical Service)
Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, F.R.S., London
Mr. R. J. JOHNSTONE, Belfast
Mr. HERBERT JONES, Hereford
Dr. J. H. KEAY, London
Dr. F. W. KIDD, Dublin
Mr. F. C. LARKIN, Liverpool
Dr. G. R. LIVINGSTON, Dumfries
Mr. ALBERT LUCAS, Birmingham
Dr. JOHN MACDONALD, South Shields
Dr. D. J. MACKINTOSH, M.V.O., Glasgow
Dr. JAMES METCALFE, Bradford
Dr. FRANK M. POPE, Leicester
Dr. A. J. RICE-OXLEY, London
Dr. H. JONES ROBERTS, Penygroes
Dr. LAURISTON E. SHAW, London
Mr. C. R. STRATON, Salisbury
Dr. J. H. TAYLOR, Salford
Dr. D. F. TODD, Sunderland
Mr. T. JENNER VERRALL, Bath
Professor A. H. WHITE, Dublin
Mr. D. J. WILLIAMS, Llanelly

APOLOGIES.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the President, Surgeon-General Benson, Dr. R. C. Buist, Mr. T. W. H. Garstang, Dr. R. B. Mahon, and Dr. C. G. D. Morier.

THE LATE LORD LISTER, P.C., O.M., M.D., F.R.C.S.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, the Council expressed its sympathy with the members of Lord Lister's family in their bereavement in the following resolution:

> That the Council of the British Medical Association has learnt with profound regret of the death of Lord Lister, and desires to sympathize with the members of his family in their bereavement. By his work for the alleviation of suffering, and as the genius and inspiration of modern surgery, the memory of Lister will be revered by the civilized world as immortal.

It was reported that expressions of sympathy had been received by the Association signed by the President and Secretary of the Medical Association of Lemberg, and the Bessarabian Medical Society.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Council decided not to appoint representatives to the forthcoming Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health in Berlin, as the meeting clashes with the Annual Meeting of the Association at Liverpool.

NATIONAL TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

Permission was given to the National Temperance League to hold on Thursday, July 25th, the Breakfast usually given during the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association.

BICENTENARY FESTIVAL, MEDICAL SCHOOL, DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

The Chairman of Council was appointed the Representative of the Association at the forthcoming Bicentenary Festival of the Medical School of Dublin University.

CHILD STUDY SOCIETY.

Sir Victor Horsley and Dr. Greenlees were appointed representatives of the Association at the Conference on the subject of "The Health of the Child in Relation to its Physical and Mental Development."

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. W. E. Hempson was reappointed Solicitor to the Association for the ensuing twelve months.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1913—INVITATION FROM BRIGHTON DIVISION.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL reported that the Brighton Division had invited the Association to hold its Annual Meeting at Brighton in 1913, and had nominated William Ainslie Hollis, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., as President-elect.

The remainder of the very prolonged sitting of the Council was almost entirely devoted to the consideration of the quarterly reports of committees and of the annual report of the Council. Most of the matters upon which the committees were able to make definite resolutions were embodied in their proper places in the annual report of the Council published last week, and need not therefore be reproduced here. The following notes refer to other matters not so dealt with.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The TREASURER presented the Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1911, as certified by the Auditors; it was received and approved, and, in accordance with By-law 37, ordered to be presented to the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Representative Meeting (see SUPPLEMENT, May 11th, p. 442 et seq.).

MEDICAL SECRETARY AND DEPUTY MEDICAL SECRETARY.

Dr. Alfred Cox was appointed Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association, and it was resolved to appoint a Deputy Medical Secretary upon conditions and terms of service stated in the advertisement. The Finance Committee was instructed to submit to the Council the names of three candidates for the post.

THE SUPPLEMENT.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Journal Committee was instructed to consider the desirability of restricting the size of the SUPPLEMENT to sixteen pages weekly.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts for the quarter ending March 31st, 1912, amounting to £16,171 16s. 10d., were approved, and the Treasurer empowered to pay those remaining unpaid.

The TREASURER reported that the Finance Committee had considered the recommendations of the various committees involving expenditure, and raised no objection in any case.

ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Larkin) presented the Quarterly Report of the Organization Committee.

PROPOSED FORMATION OF A WELSH COMMITTEE.

The Council considered an application from the Welsh members of the Council proposing the formation of a Welsh Committee and the allocation to it of a sum of £200 for expenses. The Council, while recognizing the necessity for the formation of a Welsh Committee, postponed its final decision pending the receipt of further information as to the proposed constitution of the Committee in relation to the Council of the Association, the scope of its work, and as to its co-operation with other bodies for the purpose of dealing with the Welsh Insurance Commissioners.

GRANTS TO BRANCHES IN UNITED KINGDOM.

Grants were approved to Branches in the United Kingdom for the year 1912, as follows, subject to the receipt in each case of a Report for the year 1911 satisfactory to the Grants Subcommittee:

(A) *Branches of more than one Division:*

Branch.	Grant recommended at the rate of per Member on the Annual List.
Aberdeen	2s.
Birmingham	4s.
Dorset and West Hants	4s.
East Anglian	4s.
East York and North Lincoln	4s.
Edinburgh	4s.
Lancashire and Cheshire	4s.
Metropolitan Counties	4s.
Midland	4s.
North Wales	4s.
Oxford and Reading	4s.
South-Eastern of Ireland	3s.
South-Midland	1s.
South-Western	4s.
Ulster	2s.
Worcestershire and Herefordshire	3s.
Yorkshire	1s.

(B) *Branches of one Division:*

Cambridge and Huntingdon	4s.
Dundee	4s.
Fife	4s.
Gloucestershire	4s.
Northern Counties of Scotland	4s.
Perth	4s.
Shropshire and Mid-Wales	4s.
Stirling	3s.

No grant has been made for the year 1912 to any of the following Branches which had in their possession on December 31st, 1911, a balance equal to over 5s. per head of their membership:

(A) *Branches of more than one Division:*
South-Eastern.
Staffordshire.

(B) *Branch of one Division:*
West Somerset.

It was resolved that, pending the final settlement of the amount of the grant for the year by the Council, the Treasurer be empowered to make a preliminary grant to certain Branches provided that a report satisfactory to the Chairman of the Grants Subcommittee were furnished. The Branches concerned were the Bath and Bristol, Border Counties, Connaught, Glasgow and West of Scotland, Leinster, Munster, North of England, North Lancashire and South Westmorland, Southern, and South Wales and Monmouthshire. It was further resolved after discussion that the amount of this preliminary grant should be 1s. per member, and that the Treasurer should be satisfied that the Branch was in urgent need of money.

Payment of grants to Branches for 1912 will be made as follows:

50 per cent. as soon as possible;
25 per cent. on or about September 16th, 1912;
25 per cent. on or about November 15th, 1912.

The grants for 1912 to Branches outside the United Kingdom, as in previous years, were fixed at the rate of 4s. per member who had paid the full subscription for the year, and 2s. per member, elected after July 1st, who had paid half the ordinary subscription.

DEPUTATIONS IN CONNEXION WITH NATIONAL INSURANCE BILL.

It was decided to inform Branches and Divisions that expenses of deputations to London, and similar expenditure, cannot be defrayed out of the funds of the Association, unless such expenditure has been previously authorized by the Chairman of Council.

REGULATIONS AS TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF MEMBERS.

The Council instructed the Organization Committee, with the assistance of the legal advisers of the Association, to draft a new By-law, to be incorporated in the By-laws of the Association, to regulate the record at the Central Office of the changes of addresses of Members. The question of the recurring changes of address of Service Members was referred to the Chairman of the Committee for consideration.

QUESTION OF AMENABILITY OF MEMBERS TO RULES OF DIVISIONS IN WHICH THEY PRACTISE, BUT OF WHICH THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS.

The Council instructed the Organization Committee, with the assistance of the legal advisers of the Association, to prepare an amendment of the Regulations of the Association, to provide that a Member of the Association practising within the area of a Division other than that of which he is a Member shall be amenable to the Rules of such Division, when brought to his knowledge.

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES.

The Committee reported that it had arranged that the conference of Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches to be held this year in connexion with the Annual Meeting in Liverpool should take place on Monday, July 22nd.

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD AFTER REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS.

The Council resolved to communicate to Divisions the minute of the Special Representative Meeting held in February last advising each Division in the United Kingdom to adopt a rule providing for the holding of a General Meeting immediately after each Representative Meeting, for the specific purpose of considering a report thereon by its Representative or Representatives.

JOURNAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. LAURISTON SHAW, in the absence of the Chairman (Dr. Buist), presented the Report of the Journal Committee. The Committee reported that it had investigated the complaint lodged by Sir Victor Horsley against the Editor, and that having regard to the difficulty of the situation it saw no ground for adverse comment. After discussion a motion to proceed to the next business was adopted and the report of the Committee approved.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Pope) presented the Quarterly Report of the Science Committee, and on the recommendation of the Committee sanctioned certain expenditure for the purchase of books for the Library. It was reported that a catalogue of books suitable for lending was in preparation.

The Council further resolved to ask Dr. Robert Hutchison to serve on behalf of the Association on a special committee of the National Food Reform Association on diet in public and private schools.

The Committee reported that it had considered reports submitted by the Therapeutic Subcommittee, which would

shortly be published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, that other investigations by members of the Therapeutic Subcommittee were proceeding and that the Subcommittee had advised that the subject of intestinal antiseptics required investigation. The Science Committee had decided to keep this suggestion in mind in awarding scholarships and grants for 1912–13.

CENTRAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Lauriston Shaw) presented the Quarterly Report of the Central Ethical Committee, and the Council considered and dealt with a case of expulsion.

MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. T. Jenner Verrall) presented the Quarterly Report of the Medico-Political Committee. All its recommendations were embodied, in some cases after the discussion, in the Annual Report of the Council with the exception of the suggestion referred to the Council by the Annual Representative Meeting of 1911 to the effect that when a resolution under Rule Z has been passed by a Division or Branch, and eventually ratified by the Central Council, it shall become automatically operative over the whole Association. The Council resolved, on the recommendation of the Committee, to advise the Representative Body that the time was not opportune for carrying out this suggestion, and that the adoption of Rule Z by all Branches would to a great extent have the desired effect.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Domville) presented the Quarterly Report of the Public Health Committee, the matters dealt with being all embodied in the report of the Council, but to what is there contained it may be added that the Council resolved that in the event of the relatives of the late Dr. Bond of Gloucester being willing to allow the British Medical Association to take over the documentary evidence in defence of vaccination collected by Dr. Bond, the following should serve as a standing subcommittee to take any necessary action: Dr. A. G. R. Cameron (Worthing), Mr. E. J. Domville (Exeter), Mr. Herbert Jones (Hereford), Dr. J. H. Keay (London), Dr. R. A. Lyster (Winchester), Dr. A. M. N. Pringle (Ipswich), and Dr. A. Drury (Halifax).

The Representative Body will be asked to take steps to secure that the members of the Public Health Committee appointed by the Representative Body and by the Council respectively be increased from three to four in each case.

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. R. J. Johnstone) presented the Quarterly Report of the Hospitals Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee with regard to certificates under the Workmen's Compensation Act had already been considered in connexion with the quarterly report of the Medico-Political Committee, and in that way embodied in the annual report of the Council.

Recommendations affecting the Insurance Act having regard to the reception of insured persons as hospital patients, and as to the relation of hospitals and their staffs to the insurance scheme, were referred to the State Sickness Insurance Committee.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Michael Dewar) presented the Quarterly Report of the Scottish Committee, which was approved.

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Larkin) presented the quarterly Report of the Special Executive Organisation Committee.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Larkin) presented a report, which was approved, on the working of the special subdepartment of the Medical Secretary's department dealing with the National Insurance Act. The report had reference to the organization of a special canvass of the Association as regards new members, to obtaining signatures to the undertaking, and the Central Insurance Fund. The Committee also reported that it had reappointed Dr. E. R. Fothergill, who was in charge of the subdepartment, for a further period of three months from March 28th, 1912.

STATE SICKNESS INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jenner Verrall) presented the Quarterly Report of the State Sickness Insurance Committee, which was received. On the motion that it be approved, some members of the Council criticized the action of the Committee in issuing a supplementary pledge without submitting it to the Council, and the manner in which members had been selected to act upon the Advisory Committee. The Chairman explained that the Committee deemed it essential in existing circumstances that it should take any necessary action itself without delay and report thereon to the Council. The Quarterly Report of the Committee was thereupon approved.

The matter of the report itself has been anticipated by the regular publication of reports of the meetings of the Committee published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL shortly after each meeting. It included the text of the memorandum and circulars issued by the Committee as to the supplementary pledge and explanatory documents thereto attached. The Council referred to the Committee a motion made by Mr. Flemming, seconded by Dr. Keay, and adopted, recommending the Committee to consider the advisability of at once forming Provisional Medical Committees coincident with each insurance area.

FRACTURES COMMITTEE.

Mr. GRANT ANDREW presented the Report of the Fractures Committee, and the Committee was instructed, in the event of the Final Report of the Committee not being ready for presentation to the Council on July 3rd, to transmit the Report for the consideration of the Section of Surgery at the Annual Meeting, Liverpool, and to request the President of the Section to allot a time for the reception and discussion of the Report by that Section. The Committee reported that it estimated that this Final Report would be based upon investigations of over 3,000 cases of simple fractures.

IRISH COMMITTEE.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL presented the Report of the Irish Committee. The resolution of the Committee asking the Council to take into consideration the appointment of a resident paid secretary for Ireland was referred to the Organisation Committee for report.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE ASSOCIATION.

The ten candidates whose names appeared on the notice convening the meeting were duly elected Members of the British Medical Association.

THE LIVERPOOL MEETING.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE reported that he had authorized invitations, to take part in the work of the Sections, to be issued to certain distinguished foreigners, and to Professor Rutherford, F.R.S., of Manchester, not a member of the medical profession, who would give an address on radium. The action of the Chairman was approved.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1911–12.

The Council then passed in review the draft Annual Report, and authorized the Chairman of Council to make alterations and additions to bring it into accord with the decisions of the meeting of that day. The report was then approved. It was published in the SUPPLEMENT of May 11th.

"TITANIC" DISASTER.

A vote of condolence with the families of Drs. O'Loughlin and Simpson, who were drowned in the sinking of the *Titanic*, was passed unanimously, all the members present standing in their places.

The Council having concluded its business rose at eight o'clock.

ATTENDANCES

OF

COUNCIL, COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES,

AND

CONFERENCES,

From Annual Meeting, Birmingham (July, 1911), to April 30th, 1912.

COUNCIL.

Members of Council.	Representative Meeting. Birmingham, July 21-25, 1911.	Representative Meeting. London, Nov. 23, 24, 1911.	Representative Meeting. London, Feb. 20-22, 1912.	Annual Meeting. July 24-26, 1911.	Ordinary Meetings. November 1, 1911.	Ordinary Meetings. November 17, 1911.	Ordinary Meetings. November 24, 1911.	Ordinary Meetings. December 2, 1911.	Ordinary Meetings. January 17, 1912.	Ordinary Meetings. January 31, 1912.	Ordinary Meetings. February 22, 1912.	Total.
MACDONALD, Dr. J. A., LL.D., Taunton (Chairman)	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Saundby, Professor Robert, LL.D., Birmingham (President)	2	—	—	3	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	8
Barr, Sir James, LL.D., Liverpool (President-Elect)	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	5
Butlin, Sir Henry T., Bart., D.C.L. (Past-President)	1										dead	1
Maclean, Dr. Ewen J., Cardiff (Chairman of Representative Meetings)	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Rayner, Dr. Edwin, Stockport (Treasurer)	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Andrew, Dr. J. Grant, Glasgow	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	13
Benson, Surgeon-General P. H., I.M.S., Walmer	4	2	3	3	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	16
Bentham, Inspector-General R., R.N., London	—	2	3	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Carline, Dr. W. A., Lincoln	2	2	3	3	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	16
Clark, Mr. Andrew, London	4	2	—	2	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	12
Corby, Professor Henry, Cork	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Darling, Dr. J. S., Lurgan	4	2	2	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	13
Dewar, Dr. Michael, Edinburgh	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Domville, Mr. E. J., Exeter	4	2	3	3	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	18
Eddison, Dr. J. E., Leeds	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Ewart, Dr. David, Chichester	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	3
Ewart, Mr. J. Henry, Eastbourne	4	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	16
Garstang, Mr. T. W. H., Altrincham	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	18
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	16
Gordon, Dr. John, Aberdeen	—	2	3	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	11
Gosse, Dr. W., Sittingbourne	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	17
Greany, Surgeon-General J. P., I.M.S., London	—	2	3	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	11
Greenlees, Dr. T. D., London	4	—	—	3	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	12
Greenwood, Dr. Major, London	—	2	2	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	10
Hamilton, Dr. J. R., Hawick	2	2	2	3	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	14
Harris, Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. H. Davie, R.A.M.C., Teignmouth	—	2	2	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	10
Horsley, Sir Victor, F.R.S., London	4	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	17
Johnstone, Mr. R. J., Belfast	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	7
Jones, Mr. Herbert, Hereford	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	17
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Kidd, Dr. F. W., Dublin	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	4
Larkin, Mr. F. C., Liverpool	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Livingston, Dr. G. R., Dumfries	—	2	2	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	9
Lucas, Mr. Albert, Birmingham	4	2	2	3	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	16
Macdonald, Dr. John, South Shields	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	16
Mackintosh, Dr. D. J., M.V.O., Glasgow	2	2	2	3	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	14
Mahon, Dr. R. B., Ballinrobe	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Metcalfe, Dr. James, Bradford	4	2	2	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	14
Morier, Dr. C. G. D., London	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	6
Nicholson, Dr. B. H., Colchester	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	7
Pope, Dr. F. M., Leicester	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	16
Rice-Oxley, Dr. A. J., London	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	5
Roberts, Dr. H. Jones, Penygroes	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	17
Straton, Mr. C. R., Wilton	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Taylor, Dr. J. H., Salford	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath	4	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19
White, Professor A. H., Dublin	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	8
Williams, Mr. D. J., Llanelly	4	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	17

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 20, 1911.	Oct. 25, 1911.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL (Chairman) (*ex officio*)	1	1	2
President (*ex officio*)			
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	1	1	2
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	1	1	2
Hamilton, Dr. John R., Hawick, N.B.	—	1	1
Larkin, Mr. F. C., Liverpool	1	1	2
Lucas, Mr. Albert, Birmingham	1	1	2
Pope, Dr. F. M., Leicester	1	1	2
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	2
White, Prof. A. H., Dublin	—	—	—
Local Representatives:			
Barr, Sir James, LL.D., Liverpool	—	1	1
*Bickerton, Mr. J. H., Liverpool	—	1	1
*Jones, Mr. Robert, Liverpool	—	1	1
*Monsarrat, Mr. Keith W., Liverpool	—	1	1
*Paterson, Prof. A. M., Liverpool	—	1	1
*Thomas, Prof. W. Thelwall, Liverpool	—	1	1

CENTRAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 6, 1911.	Jan. 12, 1912.	April 12, 1912.	Total.
SHAW, Dr. LAURISTON E., London (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
President (*ex officio*)				
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)				
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)				
Treasurer (*ex officio*)				
*Bateman, Dr. A. G., London	1	1	1	3
Ewart, Mr. J. Henry, Eastbourne	1	1	1	3
†Garstang, Mr. T. W. H., Altrincham	—	1	1	2
*Goff, Dr. Bruce, Bothwell	1	1	1	3
Gosse, Dr. W., Sittingbourne	1	1	1	3
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	1	—	1	2
*Langdon-Down, Dr. R., Hampton Wick	1	1	1	3
*Lee, Dr. P. G., Cork	1	1	1	3
*Neal, Mr. James, Birmingham	1	1	1	3
Straton, Mr. C. R., Wilton	1	—	1	2
Williams, Mr. D. J., Llanelly	1	—	1	2

† Appointed in the place of Dr. Fothergill, resigned.

RULES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	March 12, 1912.	March 20, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	2
Maclean, Dr. Ewen J., Cardiff			
*Langdon-Down, Dr. R., Hampton Wick	1	1	2

STANDING ETHICAL SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Nov. 14, 1911.	Mar. 19, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	2
*Bateman, Dr. A. G., London	1	1	2
Ewart, Mr. J. Henry, Eastbourne	1	1	2
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	1	1	2
*Langdon-Down, Dr. R., Hampton Wick	1	1	2
*Neal, Mr. James, Birmingham	1	—	1

*NOT a Member of Council.

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Sept. 27, 1911.	Oct. 20, 1911.	Dec. 8, 1911.	Dec. 20, 1911.	Jan. 5, 1912.	Feb. 8, 1912.	March 14, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	6
Chairman of Representative Meetings	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	6
Chairman of Council	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Treasurer	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	5

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 25, 1911.	Dec. 4, 1911.	Dec. 8, 1911.	Jan. 24, 1912.	April 17, 1912.	Total.
TREASURER (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	1	5
President (*ex officio*)	—	1	—	—	—	1
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	1	1	1	1	1	5
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	1	1	1	1	1	5
Carline, Dr. W. A., Lincoln	1	1	1	1	1	5
Clark, Mr. Andrew, London	1	1	1	—	1	4
Domville, Mr. E. J., Exeter	1	1	1	—	1	4
Ewart, Mr. J. Henry, Eastbourne	—	1	1	1	1	4
Horsley, Sir Victor, F.R.S., London	1	1	1	1	—	4
*Langdon-Down, Dr. R., Hampton Wick	1	—	1	1	1	4
*Lawson, Dr. David, Nordrach	—	1	1	—	1	3
*Moore, Dr. Milner, Eastbourne	1	1	1	1	1	5
Chairman of Organisation Committee	1	1	1	1	1	5
Chairman of Journal Committee	1	—	1	—	—	3
Chairman of Science Committee	1	—	1	1	1	4
Chairman of Medico-Political Committee	1	1	1	1	1	5
Chairman of Central Ethical Committee	1	1	1	1	1	5
Representatives of Journal Committee:—						
Lucas, Mr. Albert, Birmingham	1	1	—	1	1	4
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath (Chairman Med.-Pol. Committee)	—	—	—	—	—	—

SALARIES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Jan. 24, 1912.	Total.
TREASURER (Chairman)	1	1
Chairman of Council	1	1
Chairman of Representative Meetings	1	1

FRACTURES (TREATMENT OF) COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 14, 1911.	March 30, 1912.	Total.
*GREER, Mr. W. J., Newport, Mon. (Chairman)	1	1	2
President (*ex officio*)	—	—	—
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	—	—	—
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	—	—	—
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	—	—	—
Andrew, Mr. J. Grant, Glasgow	1	—	1
*Cathcart, Mr. C. W., Edinburgh	1	1	2
*Clogg, Mr. H. S., London	1	—	1
*Deansley, Mr. Edward, Wolverhampton	1	—	1
*Fagge, Mr. C. H., London	1	1	2
Horsley, Sir Victor, F.R.S., London	—	—	—
*Morison, Mr. J. Rutherford, Newcastle-on-Tyne	1	1	2
*Paterson, Mr. H. J., London	1	1	2
*Sargent, Mr. P. W. G., London	1	1	2
*Taylor, Mr. W., Dublin	1	—	1
*Trotter, Mr. Wilfred, London	1	—	1
*Warren, Mr. Richard, London	—	1	1

* NOT a Member of Council.

FRACTURES DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Nov. 4, 1911.	Jan. 11, 1912.	Jan. 22, 1912.	Feb. 28, 1912.	March 8, 1912.	March 22, 1912.	Total.
*CHAIRMAN OF FRACTURES COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	—	1	—	1	4
*Fagge, Mr. C. H., London	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Paterson, Mr. H. J., London	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Trotter, Mr. Wilfred, London	—	1	1	1	—	1	4

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 5, 1911.	Oct. 24, 1911.	Nov. 15, 1911.	March 30, 1912.	Total.
JOHNSTONE, Mr. R. J., Belfast (Chairman)	—	—	1	1	2
President (*ex officio*)					
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)					
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)					
Treasurer (*ex officio*)					
*Blair, Dr. David, Lancaster	1	1	—	—	[illegible]
*Bushby, Dr. T., Liverpool	1	1	1	1	[illegible]
Ewart, Dr. David, Chichester	1	1	—	—	[illegible]
*Joubert de la Ferté, Col. C. H., I.M.S., Weybridge	1	1	—	—	[illegible]
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	1	1	—	1	[illegible]
Mackintosh, Dr. A. J., M.V.O., Glasgow	1	1	1	1	[illegible]
*Mactier, Dr. H. C., Wolverhampton	1	1	1	1	[illegible]
*Parker, Dr. George, Bristol	1	1	—	1	[illegible]
Rice Oxley, Dr. A. J., London	1	1	1	—	[illegible]
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	—	1	[illegible]
*Swayne, Dr. F. G., London	1	1	1	1	[illegible]

On November 15, 1911, Committee conferred with the State Sickness Insurance Committee.

HOSPITAL INSURANCE ACT SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	March 1, 1912.	March 30, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF HOSPITALS COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	2
*Bushby, Dr. T., Liverpool	—	1	1
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	1	1	2
Mackintosh, Dr. D. J., M.V.O., Glasgow	1	1	2
*Parker, Dr. George, Bristol	1	—	1
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	2

IRISH COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 21, 1911.	Jan. 6, 1912.	April 27, 1912.	Total.
JOHNSTONE, Mr. R. J., Belfast (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
President (*ex officio*)				
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)				
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)				
Treasurer (*ex officio*)				
*Carey, Dr. R. B., Borris	—	—	1	1
*Cooke, Dr. J. G., Londonderry	1	—	—	1
Corby, Professor H., Cork	1	—	—	1
*Craig, Dr. James, Dublin	—	1	1	2
Darling, Dr. J. S., Lurgan	1	1	1	3
*Giusani, Dr. J. J., Cork	1	—	1	2
*Kenny, Dr. J. M., Granard	1	1	—	2
Kidd, Dr. F. W., Dublin	1	1	1	3
*Lee, Dr. Philip G., Cork	—	—	1	1
Mahon, Dr. R. B., Ballinrobe				
*Mills, Dr. John, Ballinasloe	1	—	—	1
*† Power, Dr. J., Cahir	—	—	1	1
*Quirke, Dr. James, Portlaw				
*Robb, Dr. A. Gardner, Belfast	1	—	1	2
*† Walshe, Dr. Denis, Kilkenny	1	—	—	1
White, Professor A. H., Dublin	—	1	1	2
*† Warnock, Dr. H. T., Donegal				
*Shaw, Dr. Cecil E., Belfast	1	—	—	1

* NOT a Member of Council. † Co-opted January 6, 1912.

IRISH CONJOINT COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 21, 1911.	Nov. 11, 1911.	Nov. 21, 1911.	Dec. 19, 1911.	Jan. 10, 1912.	Jan. 24, 1912.	Total.
*Cotter, Dr. J., Cork (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
President (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Agnew, Dr. S., Lurgan	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
*Carey, Dr. R. B., Borris	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
*Cooke, Dr. J. G., Londonderry	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Corby, Professor Henry, M.D., Cork	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
*Costello, Dr. T. B., Tuam	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
*Craig, Dr. Jas., Dublin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Darling, Dr. J. S., Lurgan	1	1	1	—	1	1	5
*Day, Dr. J. M., Dublin	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
*Delahoyde, Dr. O'C. J., Dublin	—	1	1	1	1	1	5
*Denham, Dr. J. Knox, Dublin	—	1	1	1	—	—	3
*Donnelly, Dr. T., Dublin	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Guisani, Dr. J. J., Cork	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
*Hennessy, Dr. T., Clogheen	1	—	—	—	1	—	2
*Horne, Dr. Andrew, Dublin	1	—	1	1	—	—	3
Johnstone, Mr. R. J., Belfast	1	1	1	1	—	—	4
*Keating, Dr. J., Ballinhassig	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
*Kenny, Dr. J. M. S., Granard	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
Kidd, Dr. F. W., Dublin	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Kidd, Dr. L., Enniskillen	1	1	1	1	—	1	5
*King, Dr. J. C., Castlepollard	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
*Lee, Dr. P. G., Cork	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Leeper, Dr. R. R., Dublin	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
*McDonnell, Dr. R. P., Dublin	1	—	—	1	1	1	4
*Macnamara, Dr. P. J., Kilmallock	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Mahon, Dr. R. B., Ballinrobe	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
*Mills, Dr. J., Ballinasloe	1	1	—	1	1	1	5
*O'Donoghue, Dr. J., Dublin	1	1	—	—	—	1	3
*Power, Dr. J., Cahir	1	—	1	1	—	—	3
*Quirke, Dr. Jas., Piltown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Robb, Dr. A. Gardner, Belfast	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
*Ryan, Dr. J. D., Rathdrum	—	—	—	1	—	1	2
*Shaw, Dr. Cecil E., Belfast	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
*Walshe, Dr. Denis, Graigue	1	—	1	1	1	—	4
White, Professor A. H., Dublin	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

JOURNAL COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 4, 1911.	Jan. 5, 1912.	March 29, 1912.	Total.
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
President (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	1	—	1	2
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	1	1	—	2
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	—	1	—	1
Butlin, Sir Henry T., Bart., London (dead)	—	—	—	—
Lucas, Mr. Albert, Birmingham	1	1	1	3
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath	1	1	1	3
*Whitby, Dr. C. J., Bath	1	1	1	3
*Wynne, Dr. F. E., Leigh	1	—	—	1
Chairman of Central Ethical Committee	1	1	1	3

JOURNAL SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* LIBEL ACTIONS.

Members of Committee.	Sept. 27, 1911.	Total.
Chairman of Journal Committee (Chairman)	1	1
Chairman of Representative Meetings	—	—
Chairman of Council	1	1
Treasurer	1	1
Chairman of Central Ethical Committee	1	1

* NOT a Member of Council.

MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 11, 1911.	Jan. 10, 1912.	April 3, 1912.	Total.
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
President (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	1	—	—	1
Dewar, Dr. Michael, Edinburgh	—	1	1	2
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	1	1	1	3
Garstang, Mr. T. W. H., Altrincham	1	—	—	1
Greenwood, Dr. Major, London	1	1	1	3
*Greer, Mr. W. J., Newport, Mon.	1	—	—	1
*Henry, Dr. R. Wallace, Leicester	1	1	1	3
Johnstone, Mr. R. J., Belfast	—	—	—	—
Straton, Mr. C. R., Wilton	1	1	1	3
Taylor, Dr. J. H., Salford	1	—	1	2
†Thomson, Dr. D. G., Norwich	—	—	1	1
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1	—	2
Chairman of Public Health Committee	—	1	1	2

† Appointed in the place of Dr. Fothergill, resigned.

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 17, 1911.	Nov. 1, 1911.	Total.
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon (Chairman)	1	1	2
*Greer, Mr. W. J., Newport, Mon.	1	1	2
*Thomson, Dr. D. G., Norwich	1	—	1
With			
Larkin, Mr. F. Charles, Liverpool	1	1	2
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	2
*Starling, Dr. E. A., Tunbridge Wells	—	—	—
*Fulton, Dr. A., Nottingham	1	1	2

LUNACY SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Feb. 29, 1912.	April 3, 1912.	Total.
*Thomson, Dr. D. G. Norwich (Chairman)	1	1	2
Chairman of Medico-Political Committee	1	—	1
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	—	1	1
Taylor, Dr. J. H., Salford	1	1	2
With			
*Langdon-Down, Dr. R., Hampton Wick	1	1	2
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	1	1	2
Horsley, Sir Victor, F.R.S., London	1	1	2
*Middlemass, Dr. J., Ryhope	1	—	1
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	—	—	—

* NOT a Member of Council.

MEDICAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Feby. 14, 1912.	Feby. 29, 1912.	Total.
HORSLEY, Sir VICTOR, F.R.S., London (Chairman)	1	1	2
Chairman of Medico-Political Committee	1	1	2
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	—	—	—
Rayner, Dr. Edwin, Stockport	—	—	—
Greenwood, Dr. Major, London	—	—	—
*Henry, Dr. R. Wallace, Leicester	—	—	—
With			
*Langdon-Down, Dr. R., Hampton Wick	1	1	2
*Beckett-Overy, Dr. H., London	1	1	2
*Williams, Dr. A. H., Harrow	—	—	—
Representatives of the Metropolitan Counties Branch:			
*Robinson, Mr. H. Betham, M.S., London (President, M.C.B.)	—	1	1
*Anderson, Dr. J. Ford, London	—	1	1
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London } Hon. Secretaries, M.C.B.	—	1	1
*Griffith, Dr. W., London } Hon. Secretaries, M.C.B.	—	1	1

PARLIAMENTARY SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	March 29, 1912.	Total.
HORSLEY, Sir VICTOR, F.R.S., London (Chairman)	1	1
Chairman of Medico-Political Committee	1	1
Domville, Mr. E. J., Exeter	1	1
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	—	—
Garstang, Mr. T. W. H., Altrincham	1	1
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1
*Henry, Dr. R. Wallace, Leicester	—	—
Maclean, Dr. E. J., Cardiff	—	—
Straton, Mr. C. R., Wilton	1	1
With		
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	1	1
Larkin, Mr. F. C., Liverpool	—	—

SHIP SURGEONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Mar. 26, 1912.	Total.
TAYLOR, Dr. J. H., Salford (Chairman)	1	1
Chairman of Medico-Political Committee	—	—
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1
With		
*Sharpe, Dr. G. M.	—	—
*Macarthy, Dr. F.	1	1
*Elliott, Dr. J. F.	—	—

JOINT (WITH HOSPITALS COMMITTEE) SUB-COMMITTEE *RE* CERTIFICATES UNDER WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Members of Committee.	March 1, 1912.	Total.
Representatives of Hospitals Committee:		
CHAIRMAN OF HOSPITALS COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1
Ewart, Dr. David, Chichester	1	1
*Mactier, Dr. H. C., Wolverhampton	1	1
*Swayne, Dr. F. G., London	1	1
Representatives of Medico-Political Committee:		
Chairman of Medical-Political Committee	1	1
*Greer, Mr. W. J., Newport, Mon.	—	—
Todd, Dr. D. T., Sunderland	—	—
Representatives of Medical Charities Committee of the Metropolitan Counties Branch:		
*Robinson, Mr. H. Betham, M.S., London (President, M.C.B.)	1	1
*Grant, Dr. L., London	1	1
*Harman, Mr. N. Bishop, London	1	1
*Savery, Mr. F., London	1	1

* NOT a Member of Council.

NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 16, 1911.	Total.
*JOUBERT DE LA FERTE, Colonel C. H., I.M.S., Weybridge (Acting Chairman)	1	1
President (*ex officio*)	—	—
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	—	—
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	—	—
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	—	—
Benson, Surgeon-General P. H., I.M.S., Walmer	1	1
*Coombs, Lieutenant-Colonel R. H., Bedford	1	1
*Mayo, Mr. A. C., Great Yarmouth	—	—
Representatives of the Services:		
Bentham, Inspector-General R., R.N., London	1	1
Greany, Surgeon-General J. P., I.M.S., London	1	1
Harris, Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. H. Davie, R.A.M.C., Teignmouth	1	1

ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 17, 1911.	Dec. 8, 1911.	Jan. 16, 1912.	April 16, 1912.	Total.
LARKIN, Mr. F. CHARLES, Liverpool (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	4
President (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	—
Treasurer ((*ex officio*)	1	1	—	1	3
Clark, Mr. Andrew, London	1	1	—	1	3
*Coombe, Mr. Russell, Exeter	1	—	1	1	3
Garstang, Mr. T. W. H., Altrincham	1	1	1	1	4
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London	1	1	1	1	4
Metcalfe, Dr. James, Bradford	1	—	1	1	3
Co-opted Members:					
Chairman of the Colonial Committee	—	—	—	—	—
Hon. Sec. of the Scottish Committee	—	—	—	—	—
Hon. Sec. of the Irish Committee	—	—	—	—	—
Horsley, Sir Victor, F.R.S., London	—	1	—	—	1

CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	April 10, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1
*Barnes, Dr. J. A. Percival, London	1	1
*Coombe, Mr. Russell, Exeter	1	1
*Dunlop, Dr. J. B., Bradford	—	—
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London	1	1

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	April 10, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1
Treasurer	—	—
Clark, Mr. Andrew, London	—	—
*Coombe, Mr. Russell, Exeter	1	1
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London	1	1

* NOT a Member of Council.

REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 20, 1911.	Feb. 8, 1912.	April 10, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
Chairman of Representative Meetings	1	1	—	2
Chairman of Council	1	1	—	2
Treasurer				
Clark, Mr. Andrew, London	1	—		1
*Coombe, Mr. Russell, Exeter	—	—	1	1

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Sept. 26, 1911.	Jan. 9, 1912.	April 2, 1912.	Total.
DOMVILLE, Mr. E. J., Exeter (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
President (*ex officio*)				
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)				
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)				
Treasurer (*ex officio*)				
*Cameron, Dr. A. G. R., Worthing	1	1	1	3
Jones, Mr. Herbert, Hereford	1	—	1	2
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	1	1	1	3
*Lyster, Dr. R. A., Winchester	1	—	1	2
*Pringle, Dr. A. M. N., Ipswich	1	1	—	2

SCIENCE COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 7, 1911.	April 13, 1912.	Total.
POPE, Dr. F. M., Leicester (Chairman)	1	1	2
President (*ex officio*)			
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)			
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)			
Treasurer (*ex officio*)			
*Dixon, Professor W. E., F.R.S., Cambridge	1	1	2
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London	1	1	2
*Haldane, Dr. J. S., F.R.S., Oxford			
Larkin, Mr. F. Charles, Liverpool	1	—	1
*Martin, Dr. C. J., F.R.S., London	1	1	2
*Stockman, Professor Ralph, Glasgow			
White, Professor A. H., Dublin	—	—	—

STANDING LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	April 12, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1
Treasurer		
*Dixon, Professor W. E., F.R.S., Cambridge		
*Martin, Dr. C. J., F.R.S., London	1	1
*Editor, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL	1	1

*NOT a Member of Council.

STANDING THERAPEUTIC SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	April 18, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF SCIENCE COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1
*Cushny, Professor. A. R., F.R.S., London		
Goodall, Dr. E. W., London	1	1
*Dixon, Professor W.E., F.R.S., Cambridge	1	1
*Greenish, Professor H. G., London	1	1
*Martin, Dr. C. J., F.R.S., London	1	1
*Marshall, Professor C. R., Dundee	1	1
*Stockman, Professor Ralph, Glasgow		
*Wild, Professor R. B., Manchester	1	1

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 7, 1911.	Oct. 28, 1911.	Dec. 16, 1911.	Jan. 6, 1912.	Jan. 20, 1912.	Feb. 27, 1912.	April 12, 1912.	Total.
DEWAR, Dr. MICHAEL, Edinburgh (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
President (*ex officio*)								
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)								
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)								
Treasurer (*ex officio*)								
Andrew, Dr. J. Grant, Glasgow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Carmichael, Dr. E. W., Edinburgh	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	4
*Fraser, Dr. T., Aberdeen	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	3
Gordon, Dr. John, Aberdeen	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	4
*Graham, Dr. R. Balfour, Leven	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Hamilton, Dr. J. R., Hawick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Livingston, Dr. G. R., Dumfries	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Low, Dr. A. P., Dundee	—	—						
*Macfarlane, Dr. W. D. (junior), Glasgow	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	5
Mackintosh, Dr. D. J., M.V.O., Glasgow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Moir, Dr. J. Munro, Inverness	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	5
*Moorhouse, Dr. J. E., Stirling	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	6
*Smith, Dr. F. K., Aberdeen	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	3
Smith, Dr. Martin, Dundee	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	5
*Stewart, Dr. G. Clark, Falkirk								
*Taylor, Dr. W. A., Perth	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	4
*Trotter, Dr. A., Perth	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	4

(OLD) STATE SICKNESS INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Sept. 27, 1911.	Oct. 25, 1911.	Nov. 8, 1911.	Nov. 15, 1911.	Jan. 3, 1912.	Jan. 24, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS (*ex officio*) (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
President (*ex officio*)							
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	1	—	1	1	1	1	5
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Anderson, Dr. J. Ford, London	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
*Anderson, Miss L. Garrett, M.D., London	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
*Bateman, Dr. A. G., London							
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	1	1	—	—	1	—	3
*Craig, Dr. Wm., Cowdenbeath	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Darling, Dr. J. S., Lurgan	1	—	—	—	1	—	2
Domville, Mr. E. J., Exeter	—	1	1	—	1	—	3
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Fothergill, Dr. E. R., Brighton	1	Resigned					1
*Greer, Mr. W. J., Newport, Mon.	—	—	1	1	1	—	3
Greenwood, Dr. Major, London	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Howell, Dr. R. E., Middlesboro'	1	1	1	—	1	—	4
Jones, Mr. Herbert, Hereford	1	1	1	1	1	—	5
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Ker, Mr. Hugh R., London	—	1	—	1	1	1	4
*Lyster, Dr. R. A., Winchester	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Mahon, Dr. R. B., Ballinrobe							
*Moir, Dr. J. Munro, Inverness	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
*Pearse, Dr. James, Trowbridge	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Rose, Mr. Percy, London	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Straton, Mr. C. R., Wilton	1	1	1	—	1	—	4
Taylor, Dr. J. H., Salford	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Thorne, Miss May, M.D., London	—	—	1	1	—	1	3
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1	1	—	1	1	5
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Williams, Dr. A. H., Harrow	1	1	1	1	1	1	6

N.B.—After the Representative Meeting, February, 1912, a new Committee was constituted.

*NOT a Member of Council.

(OLD) EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Aug. 1, 1911.	Aug. 4, 1911.	Oct. 20, 1911.	Nov. 2, 1911.	Nov. 8, 1911.	Nov. 13, 1911.	Dec. 13, 1911.	Dec. 20, 1911.	Jan. 11, 1912.	Jan. 17, 1912.	Feb. 14, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS (Chairman)	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	10
Chairman of Council	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	5
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	10
*Fothergill, Dr. E. R., Brighton (resigned)	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Keay, Dr. J. H., London	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
*Lyster, Dr. R. A., Winchester	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	10
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Taylor, Dr. J. H., Salford	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	10
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	—	—	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	7
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11

(OLD) REMUNERATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Dec. 20, 1911.	Jan. 3, 1912.	Feb. 15, 1912.	Total.
*PEARSE, Dr. JAMES, Trowbridge (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
Chairman of the State Sickness Insurance Committee	1	1	—	2
Treasurer	1	1	—	2
*Anderson, Dr. J. Ford, London	1	1	1	3
Flemming, Mr. C. E. S., Bradford-on-Avon	1	1	—	2
*Rose, Dr. Percy, London	1	1	1	3
With				
Buist, Dr. R. C., Dundee	1	1	1	3
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1	—	2

STATE SICKNESS INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

(APPOINTED BY THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS, FEBRUARY, 1912.)

Members of Committee.	Feb. 28, 1912.	Mar. 7, 1912.	Mar. 14, 1912.	Mar. 21, 1912.	April 11, 1912.	April 18, 1912.	April 25, 1912.	Total.
VERRALL, Mr. T. JENNER, Bath (Chairman)	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
President (*ex officio*)	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Chairman of Representative Meetings (*ex officio*)	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	6
Chairman of Council (*ex officio*)	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	6
Treasurer (*ex officio*)	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	3
*Adams, Dr. J., Glasgow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Beaton, Dr. R. M., London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Brown, Dr. John, Bacup	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Cahill, Dr. M. F., Belfast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
*Carter, Dr. T. M., Bristol	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	6
Darling, Dr. J. S., Lurgan	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	3
*Goff, Dr. Bruce, Bothwell	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Hodgson, Dr. S., Salford	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Howell, Dr. R. E., Middlesboro'	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	3
*Ivens, Miss Mary H. F., M.S., Liverpool	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
*Johnston, Dr. R. McKenzie, Edinburgh	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	4
Johnstone, Mr. R. J., Belfast (Resigned)	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Kidd, Dr. F. W., Dublin	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2
*Long, Dr. Constance, London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Lyster, Dr. R. A., Winchester	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	5
Mahon, Dr. R. B., Ballinrobe	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
*Moir, Dr. J. Munro, Inverness	1	—	1	1	1	—	1	5
*Neal, Mr. James, Birmingham	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	3
*Oldham, Dr. H. F., Morecambe	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
*Pearse, Dr. James, Trowbridge	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Pope, Dr. F. M., Leicester	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	4
*Price, Dr. E. O., Bangor	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	6
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	6
*Smyth, Dr. W. Johnston, Bournemouth West	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	6
*Thomson, Dr. D. G., Norwich	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	5
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Turner, Mr. E. B., London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
*Williams, Dr. A. H., Harrow	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Williams, Mr. D. J., Llanelly	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	5
*Willock, Mr. E. H., Croydon	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Chairman of Public Health Committee	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1

Cahill, Dr. M. F., elected in place of Mr. R. J. Johnstone (resigned) on April 25th, 1912.
Ivens, Miss Mary, co-opted by the Committee, March 7th, 1912.
Long, Dr. Constance, co-opted a Member by the Committee, Feb. 28th, 1912.
Neal, Mr. James, co-opted by the Committee, March 21st, 1912.
Oldham, Dr. H. F., co-opted by the Committee, April 18th, 1912.
Pearse, Dr. James, co-opted by the Committee, February 28th, 1912.
Popé, Dr. F. M., elected in place of Dr. Leigh Day (resigned) on Mar. 14th, 1912.
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, co-opted by the Committee, February 28th, 1912.

* NOT a Member of Council.

MANIFESTO SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Mar. 18, 1912.	Mar. 22, 1912.	Total.
SHAW, Dr. LAURISTON E., London (Chairman)	1	1	2
*Beaton, Dr. R. M., London	1	1	2
*Turner, Mr. E. B., London	1	1	2

ORGANISATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Mar. 28, 1912.	Total.
POPE, Dr. F. M., Leicester (Chairman)	1	1
*Brown, Dr. John, Bacup	1	1
*Howell, Dr. R. E., Middlesbro'	1	1
*Long, Dr. Constance, London	1	1
*Lyster, Dr. R. A., Winchester	1	1
*Price, Dr. E. O., Bangor	1	1

REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	Mar. 28, 1912.	April 2, 1912.	April 18, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SICKNESS INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1	1	3
*Beaton, Dr. R. M., London	1	1	1	3
Macdonald, Dr. J. A., Taunton	—	1	—	1
*Turner, Mr. E. B., London	1	1	1	3
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1	1	3
†*Neal, Mr. James, Birmingham	—	1	1	2
†Willock, Mr. E. H., Croydon	—	—	1	1

† Not a Member until April 2nd, 1912, Meeting.

REMUNERATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.	March 28, 1912.	April 3, 1912.	Total.
*PEARSE, Dr. JAS., Trowbridge (Chairman)	1	1	2
Chairman of the State Sickness Insurance Committee	1	1	2
*Adams, Dr. John, Glasgow	1	1	2
*Beaton, Dr. R. M., London	1	1	2
*Hodgson, Dr. S., Salford	1	—	1
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	—	1

* NOT a Member of Council.

JOINT MEETING OF ORGANISATION AND REMUNERATION SUB-COMMITTEES.

Members of Committee.	April 25, 1912.	Total.
CHAIRMAN OF STATE SICKNESS INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Chairman)	1	1
*Adams, Dr. John, Glasgow	1	1
*Beaton, Dr. R. M., London	1	1
*Brown, Dr. John, Bacup	1	1
*Hodgson, Dr. S., Salford	1	1
*Howell, Dr. R. E., Middlesbro'		
*Long, Dr. Constance, London	1	1
*Lyster, Dr. R. A., Winchester		
*Pearse, Dr. James, Trowbridge	1	1
Pope, Dr. F. M., Leicester		
*Price, Dr. E. O., Bangor	1	1
Todd, Dr. D. F., Sunderland	1	1
Chairman of Public Health Committee	1	1

JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE OF BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND BRITISH HOSPITALS ASSOCIATION.

Members of Committee.	Oct. 4, 1911.	Total.
MACLEAN, Dr. E. J., Cardiff (Chairman)	1	1
Shaw, Dr. Lauriston E., London	1	1
Verrall, Mr. T. Jenner, Bath	1	1
*Whitaker, Mr. J. Smith, London	1	1
Representatives of British Hospitals Association:		
Cobbett, Sir Wm. (Manchester Royal Infirmary)	1	1
Lupton, Mr. Chas. (Leeds Infirmary)	1	1
Collins, Mr. Howard (Birmingham General Hospital)	1	1
Mackintosh, Dr. D. J., M.V.O. (Glasgow Western Infirmary)	1	1

* NOT a Member of Council.

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An Address

ON

THE PROFESSION, THE PUBLIC, AND THE ACT.

DELIVERED BEFORE THE DARTFORD DIVISION OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, MAY 15TH, 1912,

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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—I am grateful to the Dartford Division of the British Medical Association for giving me this opportunity of attending a meeting of the practitioners of the district to open a discussion on the present position of the medical profession in respect of the Insurance Act.

No one can deny that the present position is a very critical one, fraught with considerable danger, both to the public and the profession. A hasty false step may easily precipitate a disaster, from which calm judgement and considered action may save us. In these circumstances it is clearly the duty of every member of the profession carefully to consider what should be his personal attitude in this crisis and in what direction he should throw the weight of his influence and power, which, however small it may be individually, will, if properly combined with that of his colleagues, finally decide this important issue. I propose to consider the duty of the individual practitioner in our present struggle—first, in his relationship to his professional colleagues, and, secondly, as regards his attitude to the public.

The two features of any community upon which its effective power primarily depends are the unity of its aim and the completeness of its organization. A great deal has been said and written in the last few months about the unity of the profession either by way of urging its necessity or by way of congratulation at the prospects of success which its attainment had made certain. Its importance in either regard cannot be over-estimated. It is clearly a first duty of each of us to attain and maintain professional unity to the utmost of his power. It is well, however, that we should recognize the meaning and limitations of unity of aim in a body of educated and intelligent individuals. It is something different from the unity of aim of a flock of scared sheep which, without one discordant note, endeavours to escape from the field which contains its common enemy by a single gap in the hedge. Here is no sacrifice of individual opinions and beliefs: here the unity of aim is unconscious, automatic, short-lived, and often futile. Unity of aim amongst intelligent men, especially if it be in respect to some matter more complex than a mere scramble from danger, is far more difficult of attainment, but when attained it should be permanent and effective. The higher the standard of intelligence, the greater the divergence of individual views and the more need of personal sacrifice if anything approaching what has been called the general will, or the will of all, is to be defined and acted upon. To discover the general will of a community or of a group of human beings of any sort is always a difficult task, and becomes more difficult the less developed are the common life and social intercourse of the group. To enable any sort of general will to be formulated it is indeed first essential that there should exist amongst the individuals comprising the group such a recognition of a common interest as shall cause the minority to will that the voice of the majority shall prevail.

Any one who has taken a part during the last few months in the endeavour to discover the common will of the profession with regard to the present crisis must have been impressed with the difficulty of co-ordinating and compromising the extraordinary variety of ideals and interests actuating different classes of the profession. Such differences could probably never have been compromised unless the profession had possessed a strong corporate feeling based on high traditions handed down through long years of self-sacrificing work on behalf of others. Thanks to the corporate feeling thus developed

and the willingness of the minorities to subordinate their will to the will of the majority, a clear and united professional aim has been formulated and adopted. The central body of men with moderate views owe a great debt of gratitude to the men of strong ideals in either wing who have been willing, at considerable sacrifice of cherished hopes and aims, to throw the weight of their influence and enthusiasm into a policy which must necessarily appear to some of them to show signs of weakness and to others to be unnecessarily aggressive. The maintenance and success of our unity of aim will be the more certain and the longer sustained the more clearly this sacrifice is recognized, and the more carefully each member of the profession treats with respect the ideals and opinions of his colleagues. While it is impossible for us all to think alike, it is both possible, and in present circumstances imperative, that we should all support the policy which has been evolved by a compromise between the extremists on either side, and represents the common-sense practical view of the main stream of moderate opinion. The discordant cries of "We won't have this Act at any price," and "We must have this Act at all costs," have been combined into a calm, confident statement, "We can only co-operate in carrying out the provisions of this Act upon fair and reasonable terms." To secure that the profession's extraordinary unity of aim in this crisis shall have its due effect, it is the duty of each practitioner to see to it that his loyalty to his profession overrides any personal views that might have led him to prefer the adoption of some alternative policy.

As I have already said, however, our success depends not only on the unity of our aim, but also on the completeness of our organization. It is not enough for each individual to assert his agreement with the common will; he must also work, and work hard, towards the perfection of the organization by which we intend to secure the fulfilment of our aim. Here, speaking to a meeting of the profession which contains a certain number of practitioners who for one reason or another are not members of the British Medical Association, I feel sure, nevertheless, that there will be general agreement with the statement that at the present moment there is no possibility of maintaining any adequate professional organization except through the initiative of the British Medical Association. An enormous accession to the strength of the profession's organization would be secured if every medical practitioner could see his way to throw in his lot with the Association and join its membership. Meanwhile, as this and similar meetings all over the kingdom testify, the Association recognizes the responsibility which its unique representative position gives it and desires to admit to its counsels in the present crisis every member of the profession whether actually enrolled in the membership of the Association or not. In a similar spirit the various Divisions of the Association are undertaking the duty of initiating the formation of Provisional Medical Committees representative of the whole profession in the area of their work. It is greatly to be hoped that non-members will vie with members of the Association in their efforts to form strong local committees to whom they can entrust with confidence the duty of watching and safeguarding the special interests of the profession of the district in connexion with the Act. Upon such local committees the profession must rely to provide the co-ordination between the various local areas and with the central authorities which is essential to a successful campaign. The chief duty of these committees, however, will be to arouse and maintain the enthusiasm of the local practitioner by keeping him informed of the progress of affairs and of the particular services that may be from time to time required of him. At the moment there are two primary services which the Provisional Medical Committee must strain every effort to obtain from every practitioner within its sphere of influence—first, his signature of the supplementary pledge, and, secondly, his contribution towards the Defence Fund. The supplementary pledge has become necessary because it has been suggested that if the Commissioners or the Government find themselves unable to make terms with the profession they may endeavour to escape from their difficulties by handing any sum they may agree to provide for medical benefit to the insured persons or the approved societies and putting upon one or other of them the responsibility of making arrangements with individual members of the profession. The actual wording of the undertaking originally signed by nearly the whole profession did not specifically provide for either of these contingencies, and it is therefore necessary to make clear to the authorities that they will not evade their difficulties by either of these manœuvres. If this pledge is as widely signed as the last, and especially if it be accompanied by a large proportion of provisional resignations of existing contributory contract appointments, the profession can afford to watch with equanimity this attempt to overcome their opposition by removing the safeguard of statutory collective bargaining provided in the Act. I am glad to tell you that there is already indication that the response to our appeal for signatures to the new pledge and to the provisional resignations is likely to be even more successful than was the case with the original undertaking. I was told yesterday by the chairman of a local committee in one of the poor districts of London that out of a total of 61 doctors practising in the area 61 pledges were signed in a week, and that every one of the 33 doctors who had club appointments had already placed their resignation of these appointments in the hands of the committee. As the Medical Secretary has clearly stated in the public press, the signing of this pledge and these resignations are in no way a first step towards a general strike in the syndicalist sense. It is simply an act of ordinary precaution, lest if medical benefits be suspended practitioners should find themselves still bound to attend insured persons at the old rates, despite the fact that their altered financial position no longer entitled them to such special consideration at the hands of the profession as was justified by their previous circumstances.

Of almost equal importance to the signature of the supplementary pledge is the contribution to the Defence Guarantee Fund. Very little in this world can be done without money. The profession perhaps hardly realises how much it has already cost to defend its interests in the present issue. If there are any who have not yet contributed towards this fund, they should ask themselves whether it is fair that they should allow the burden of defending their interests to be borne entirely by those of their colleagues who have contributed. In this connexion it is worth remembering that we are not merely struggling against sentimental grievances. We have to defend the vital pecuniary interests of the profession. Our failure or success in this connexion will mean a difference of millions a year to the medical profession. This may not mean much to each of us, neither would a guarantee mean much to each guarantor if it were based on the payment of 1 per cent. of his income each year for the next five years. Yet such a contribution, if promised by all, would enable the profession to feel sure that at least there was no danger of its struggle in this great crisis failing from a mere want of appreciation by its members of the financial needs of organization. I am sure it is not necessary for me to say more here than that this danger has not been entirely removed, and to appeal to every individual practitioner to consider the immediate promise of a minimum guarantee based on the percentage of his income indicated above. This Guarantee Fund, as you know, is administered as a trust by the Council of the Association on behalf of the profession, and there is not the least foundation for the fears at one time expressed in certain quarters that there might be legal difficulties in employing it for the purposes for which it has been raised.

And now I will turn from the question of the duty of the individual practitioner to his professional colleagues, to consider the attitude that he should assume in the present crisis to the community at large. No unity of aim and no completeness of organization will enable the common will of a group of individuals ultimately and permanently to prevail unless that common will is based not only on the common interest of the members of the group, but also on the common interest of the general community. While, therefore, it is necessary for us to make known to the public that we have a common aim, and that we are so organized as to be able to protect our interests, we are bound also to make abundantly clear that the policy we have adopted is entirely reasonable, and that it has been framed quite as much for the advantage of the public as of the profession. During the political turmoil that arose at the time of

and just after the passing of the Act, the attitude of the profession was perhaps inevitably often misrepresented in one direction or another by the organs of the party press, and in the heat of controversy medical men themselves made claims and statements which may have misled the public as to the profession's real attitude towards the Insurance Act. It has therefore become necessary that we should each of us take every available opportunity to explain fully to all interested members of the public the exact nature of our demands, to make clear their moderation, and to demonstrate that they are based on no mere selfish desire to benefit the profession, but with the object of providing for the beneficiaries under the Act an efficient medical service.

We must be prepared to explain and defend from this point of view each of the cardinal points without the inclusion of which in any scheme of national insurance we have warned the authorities that they cannot secure the co-operation of the profession.

I will not weary you by going over each of the points seriatim, but will deal with those which arouse most public interest, and with regard to which our position has been misunderstood or misrepresented. The time has come when every practitioner, and not only the officials and chosen representatives of the profession, must be prepared to justify our position if the ultimate attainment of our aims is to be crowned by the approval and sympathy of the public.

I will take first the most controversial subject, and the one in regard to which it might at first sight be thought that the interests of the public and the profession would be at variance. I mean, of course, our claim for adequate remuneration. What is our claim? It is that where it is agreed that the remuneration for medical services shall be arranged on a capitation basis, the minimum capitation payment shall be 8s. 6d. for each insured person per annum, exclusive of drugs, and that where the payment is arranged on the basis of a fee for each attendance, the fees shall be fixed on a proportionate scale. Is this an extravagant demand? Is it not, on the contrary, an exceedingly moderate one, so moderate, indeed, that it is clearly necessary to safeguard it by excluding from its operation a certain number of services which in ordinary contract practice are regarded as extras? The sum, indeed, has been arrived at by a consideration of the remuneration at present paid by certain public bodies for medical services to firemen and postmen throughout the country. Eight shillings and sixpence a year is the actual sum paid on behalf of these public servants, and no one has ever attempted to show why it should be thought reasonable to expect to be able to obtain efficient medical service for the great body of workmen who will be insured under this Act at a cheaper rate. It is true that for this sum in the case of these two services the doctor undertakes to provide drugs without extra charge. As a set-off against this, it must be pointed out that these men are the pick of the industrial population of this country, and that on their becoming permanently invalided the contract ceases, while in the insurance service the lives will not be nearly so carefully selected, and the contract will remain in force even when the insured person becomes incapacitated by chronic illness.

The fact that any other analogy than that afforded by these public services should have been used in calculating the probable cost of medical attendance under the Insurance Act is due to an extraordinary misconception of the relations of the profession to its poorer patients and of the completeness with which these relations are altered by the Act. The whole of medical practice is dominated by a peculiar consideration which does not obtain in the work of any other profession or occupation. A prominent feature of its work is the relief of pain and the saving of life. Services with these two objects in view cannot be refused, and they are therefore given without payment—must indeed be so given to those who cannot pay or get anybody else to pay for them, just as in many other cases they are given on unremunerative terms to those who cannot pay or get anybody else to pay remunerative fees on their behalf. The necessary calculations in respect to this Act might have been made on the analogy of the out-patient departments of the hospitals, where millions of poor people are annually seen without any payment to their medical attendants at all. Such calculations would have been supremely simple, but they would have been found to be useless for the purpose. Equally useless, as it turns out, were the calculations based on the analogy of contributory contract arrangements in doctors' private clubs and friendly societies' organizations. In these institutions other millions of working-class patients are attended on semi-philanthropic terms in recognition of the fact that unaided many such patients cannot afford to pay more, and that if they were not encouraged to accept such partial charity at the hands of the profession, vast numbers of them would have to be treated without any remuneration at all. The profession's claim now is that when the public recognizes its responsibility to help such patients to meet the cost of medical attendance, medical practitioners are justified in expecting to receive remunerative payment, or at least payment which is more nearly remunerative than that they have been willing to accept under existing conditions. Let us look at these payments in detail. Roughly, but with sufficient accuracy for practical purposes, the profession has hitherto been willing, in order to help the working man to make thrifty provision for himself, to accept a contribution of one penny a week to secure professional services for all ordinary medical emergencies. Is it too much to expect that when the workman has no longer to be persuaded, but is to be compelled, to make this provision, and when the employer and the taxpayer of the country are to be compelled to assist him, the united efforts of these three parties to the transaction should be able to produce the very modest sum of twopence a week? I am indeed amazed at the profession's moderation. It is one of the difficulties of our position that we have thoughout our negotiations in these matters put forward our claims with such strict moderation, that those who have been in the habit of dealing with ordinary commercial bargainers have failed to recognize that there is no margin of excessive demand which can be abated during the process of negotiation. Certainly there is no such margin in this twopence a week, and the suggestion that the profession may be prepared to compromise on the question of payment will be found to be entirely unjustified. Any hint on the part of our negotiators that a less sum than this minimum demand might be accepted by the profession would instantly be repudiated throughout the country. Rather than give way, the profession would confidently face the difficult position created by the suspension of medical benefits. Personally, I believe that in the interests of public health and of the industrial classes who are to be insured under this Act, the suspension of medical benefits or the placing of its administration in the hands of the friendly societies would be little short of a disaster. But I am confident that the actual cost per insured person of medical attendance would be thereby unaffected. The profession is determined that, so far as the subsidized insured person is concerned, the curse of underpaid contract practice—for which there will no longer be any excuse—shall cease.

The question, therefore, for the Government to face is whether the necessary funds to effect this change shall be found by them in some way within the four corners of this Act or shall be an additional charge to be raised by his own effort by the insured person or by the approved society on his behalf. If the Government should be so unwise as to hand any sum short of 8s. 6d. a year to the insured person or to the approved society in order to secure medical attendance, they will find that they have only transferred the burden of providing the balance from their own shoulders to others less broad, and have at one stroke succeeded in alienating the sympathy of great numbers of their working-class supporters, and in defeating, to a very large extent, the beneficent objects of the Act. Stated thus in detail, our modest claim for 2d. per week seems reasonable, and our chances of obtaining it in one way or another undeniable. We are told that in the gross it means £3,000,000 per annum, and it has been suggested that no section of the public is prepared to face so large an addition to the central cost of national insurance. But when once it is grasped what advantages are to be gained by its provision and what dangers must be met if it is to be withheld, it is difficult to see in what quarters the Government would be censured if, by expending it, they tried to avoid the mistake of spoiling the ship in the proverbial way. By this expenditure it may hope to

secure a contented medical profession, endeavouring to provide for the millions of the working classes the best resources of preventive and remedial medical treatment, a contented working population gratified at finding that in respect of ill health it is no longer placed at a disadvantage by inability to secure trustworthy professional services, and a contented nation, feeling that, as the wealthiest community in the world, it may no longer be accused of neglecting the health of its workers, on whose efficiency it is primarily dependent for its wealth. Need Mr. Lloyd George fear the adverse votes of the Labour Party if he makes this additional contribution to the cause of social welfare, or of the Unionist Party, who have so generously voiced the claims of the doctors throughout this controversy, or of his own loyal supporters, who have recognized from the first that the introduction of national insurance must be a costly undertaking, only to be ultimately repaid by the increasing health and happiness of the nation? By such arguments as these I feel sure that every medical man may convince his lay friends that the profession's claim for adequate remuneration is one which they may confidently support in the public interest.

The next of our points on which there has been considerable misapprehension amongst laymen is the insistence on an income limit in connexion with medical benefit. At the outset it is, of course, necessary to explain that the profession has frankly accepted the amendment introduced into the bill, whereby it is arranged that medical benefit may be of two kinds: (1) Free medical attendance provided under an arrangement between the doctor and the local Insurance Committee; (2) a cash contribution from the Insurance Committee to the doctor towards the cost of the insured person's medical attendance. Our contention is that provision must be made to compel all persons whose income exceeds an average of £2 per week to take his benefit in the form of a cash contribution. We must explain the intolerable condition that has arisen in the past in certain friendly society's clubs whereby a man who has raised himself by his own efforts to a position of considerable wealth has been able still to call upon his doctor for unlimited medical attendance for a mere nominal annual payment fixed to meet the straitened circumstances of his youth. We must point out how such conditions have made contract arrangements exceedingly unpopular with medical men, and if not prevented in this national service will cause a large number of practitioners to remain aloof who would otherwise have participated in it. It is easy to point to existing provident institutions in which an income limit has been successfully worked with satisfaction to the doctors, and without injustice to the public. With the proviso arranged in the Act there should be no objection raised to this safeguard, either by the insured person or by others on his behalf. In fact, the greater freedom with regard to medical arrangements under the cash contribution system might make this the more popular plan with many insured persons whose incomes allow them to make independent provision for possible contingencies.

A recent discussion in the House of Commons makes it necessary that we should point out that the statutory income limit now provided in the Act in no way meets our case. In the first place it is too high, and, secondly, it deals only with the income of the insured person at the moment of entry, and makes no restriction of benefits to those already admitted, however large their incomes may subsequently become. It is absolutely essential that some means be found of preventing those whose incomes exceed a certain agreed amount from continuing to receive free medical attendance on the terms arranged for the ordinary insured person.

Free choice of doctor has always found favour with the majority of those who have taken any interest in the matter. Our strongest opponents on this question have been the aristocratic socialists and the supporters of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission, whose whirlwind tactics are for the moment abated. These people believe in a whole-time medical service giving universal free and compulsory medical attendance to the industrial classes. If at the present moment we feel it is hardly possible or necessary to attempt to convert them to our principle of free choice of doctor, we must never lose sight of their enthusiasm and the rapid growth of their ideas that has recently taken place in the country generally and amongst important persons in all political parties. The suspension of medical benefit or its administration for a few years by the approved societies would give a great impetus to these views, which if carried out would be as disastrous to the public as to the future of private practice in medicine. Our main safeguard against this calamity is man's natural tendency, whether rich or poor, to trust his own judgement before other people's, not least in the choice of his doctor. Free choice of doctor is the palladium of liberty for the medical practitioner no less than for his patient. It frees us from the slavery of those who would take advantage of the poverty of some of us to stimulate a down-grade competition in professional remuneration. It leaves us free to compete, it is true, not, however, by the disastrous method of underselling each other, but by striving to render more sympathetic and efficient service to our individual patients.

Nothing is more helpful to a man in impressing his point of view upon another than an ability to appreciate the other person's point of view. The profession's task would be greatly helped at the present moment if we were able to see ourselves as others see us. We must try to avoid recognizing ourselves in the caricatures that are drawn of us by party politicians. We are neither angels endeavouring to rescue the public from the appalling disaster of Mr. Lloyd George's socialism, nor a body of reckless syndicalists ready to destroy society by a specially cruel form of national strike. We are simply medical men who in an ordinary spirit of self-preservation are taking the necessary steps to maintain our independence and to safeguard our opportunities of rendering efficient service to our patients. While strenuously avoiding the allurements of the politician, we should not neglect lessons that may be learnt from the study of the contemporary history of labour unrest. We may not be able to see any resemblance to our own pale faces and black coats in the begrimed faces of the miners or the corduroy suits of the railway workers, but assuredly the public do and will draw comparisons between the methods severally employed for protecting the interests of brains and muscles. We must learn from the two recent strikes the value of loyalty amongst colleagues and the need of subordinating sectional to national interests. No one who is really prepared to study carefully the exact nature of the profession's demands should be allowed to have the least excuse for the belief that we are making use of our great "trade-union" power to put the interests of our profession before either our patriotism or our humanity.

Standing thus together, confident of the justice of our cause, and supported by the goodwill and sympathy of the public, we may boldly put forward our demands and calmly await their fulfilment.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE sixth ordinary meeting of the session was held at Bath on April 24th, Dr. G. PARKER, President, in the chair. There were eighteen members present.

Communications.—Dr. G. H. H. ALMOND read a paper on multiple tenosynovitis, and in the discussion which ensued the PRESIDENT, Dr. ALEXANDER, and Dr. NEWMAN NEILD joined. Dr. W. P. KENNEDY described some controlling factors in the circulatory mechanism. Dr. MARSH and Dr. NEILD commented upon the communication. Mr. HUGH P. COSTOBADIE read a paper on the ear, nose, and throat in general practice, and the PRESIDENT, Dr. ALEXANDER, Dr. NEILD, and Mr. FLEMMING contributed to the discussion.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH:

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the medical practitioners of Dumfries and Maxwelltown and of Dumfries County was held in Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary on Tuesday, May 7th.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The meeting was held for the purpose of electing their respective subcommittees to the Provisional Medical Committee for the Division. There was a large attendance. For Dumfries and Maxwelltown Drs. Ferguson, Kerr, and Robson were elected. Chairman and Secretary, Dr. Ferguson. For Dumfries County, Drs. Bell, Huskie, Murdoch, and Reid were elected from Annandale. Drs. Rodger and Scott from Nithsdall. The name of the practitioner from Eskdall has not yet been forwarded to us. Chairman, Dr. Huskie; Secretary, Dr. Rodger.

Dr. SANDERS moved and Dr. BELL seconded:

> That with the object of co-ordinating the work of the various subcommittees with each other the Chairman and Secretary of the Scottish Division, Border Counties Branch, of the British Medical Association be, *ex officio*, members of the Provisional Medical Committee for the Division, and that they act as Chairman and Secretary respectively of that Committee.

This was carried.

Dr. REID moved and Dr. ROBSON seconded:

> That each member of the profession in the Division who has not already done so be asked to guarantee not less than £5 towards the defence fund, and that £1 of that guarantee be paid now.

This was carried.

Cases and Specimens.—Dr. LIVINGSTON then showed a patient whose hip-joint he excised in August last, and explained the principles upon which the operation is based, and emphasized the importance of tenotomy of the adductor muscles and abduction of the limb during the after-treatment. Also a number of interesting pathological specimens and *x*-ray photographs connected with his recent cases.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

GLASGOW EASTERN DIVISION.

A MEETING of members of the profession practising within the area of this Division was held in Bellgrove Hall on April 19th at 4 p.m., when twenty-eight gentlemen were present. Dr. W. J. H. SINCLAIR, Chairman of the Division, presided.

Provisional Medical Committee.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the meeting had been called to consider the question of the formation of a Provisional Medical Committee to safeguard the interests of the profession in the Division as affected by the National Insurance Act.

The HONORARY SECRETARY read the memorandum from the State Sickness Insurance Committee, after which Dr. J. P. GRANGER moved and Dr. JOSEPH SCANLAN seconded:

> That a committee be appointed.

This was unanimously agreed to.

The number of the committee having been decided upon, the question of the method of election was next raised. Dr. MATTHEW MARTIN moved:

> That we proceed to the election at this meeting,

which was seconded by Dr. ALEXANDER JOHNSTON.

Dr. THOMAS RUSSELL moved and Dr. J. P. GRANGER seconded:

> That nominations only be made at this meeting, and that thereafter the election be decided by postal vote.

On a division twenty voted that the election should be proceeded with now, while the proposition for a postal vote was supported by six.

The election was accordingly proceeded with, and the following form the committee: Drs. Alexander Johnston, Belvidere Fever Hospital; J. Maxtone Thom, Royal Infirmary; Wm. A. Parker, Gartloch Mental Hospital; J. McC. Johnston, Eastern District Hospital; Robert Davidson, Shettleston; Dugald McKinlay, Tollcross; J. B. Miller, Bishopbriggs; J. B. Stewart and S. C. Cowan, Kirkintilloch; P. S. Buchanan and Miller Semple, Townhead; Robert Scott and R. D. Hodge, Springburn; John P. Granger and J. Wishart Kerr, Bridgeton; Matthew Martin and David Young, Parkhead; W. L. Muir, T. C. Barras, Joseph Scanlan, and William Bryce, Dennistoun.

On the motion of Dr. W. L. MUIR, seconded by Dr. DAVID YOUNG, it was resolved:

> That in the event of any of those gentlemen elected declining to act the committee be given powers to co-opt members in their stead.

The Provisional Medical Committee met on Friday, May 3rd, when nineteen members were present. Dr. Alexander Johnston was elected chairman, and Dr. William Bryce secretary of the committee.

Medical Defence Fund.—A subcommittee of seven members, together with the chairman and secretary, was appointed to take action regarding the Medical Defence Fund.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Friday, April 19th, at which Dr. RODOCANACHI, Chairman of the Division, took the chair. The following members were also present: Drs. Linton, Robertson, White, Hughes, Howe, Corns, Fox, Price, Morris, Ross, McLellan, Williams, Harvey, Clarke, Kerr, Mamourian, and Bishop.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The SECRETARY read the memorandum *re* formation of Provisional Medical Committees, and on the motion of Dr. CLARKE, seconded by Dr. HUGHES, it was unanimously decided to appoint a Provisional Executive as suggested. The motion from the Chair, seconded by Dr. BISHOP,

> That the present executive be appointed with power to co-opt four non-members,

was lost in favour of an amendment:

> That the suggested Committee be appointed in proportion to the medical population of the various districts of the Division, with power to co-opt four non-members.

The following gentlemen were nominated and duly elected: *Ashton-under-Lyne:* Drs. Ross, Mamourian, Cheetham, Lawson, and G. Hamilton. *Stalybridge:* Drs. Rodocanachi, Fox, and Williams. *Hyde:* Drs. Kerr, Morris, and T. Watts. *Dukinfield:* Dr. Clarke. *Mossley:* Drs. White and Cameron. *Motham and Hollingworth:* Dr. Awburn. *Denton and Hooley Hill:* Drs. McGill and Howe. *Fairfield and Droylesden:* Dr. Harvey. Dr. Mamourian being appointed Secretary.

BOLTON DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held at the Bolton Infirmary at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25th. Non-members were invited to attend. Dr. FLITCROFT was in the chair, and thirty-six members were present.

School for Mothers.—The Secretary was instructed to send to all practitioners in the Division the following resolution passed at the last general meeting:

> That in the establishment of any charitable institutions in the area covered by this Division in which honorary medical or surgical work is involved the management of such institutions should consult with this Division.

It was further recommended that any practitioner who might be asked to give such honorary service should also consult with this Division.

Treatment of Patients by Local Health Authorities.—A discussion arose out of the minutes of the last general meeting on the question of treatment of patients by the local health authorities. A letter bearing on this subject from Dr. Gould, the medical officer of health, was read. It was decided to reopen the question at the next general meeting.

Provisional Local Medical Committee.—Dr. THORNLEY moved:

> That the Local Medical Committee consist of twenty members.

Dr. K. ROBINSON seconded. Dr. JEFFERIES proposed:

> That the Committee be elected by a postal vote.

This was lost when put to the meeting. The Committee was elected by ballot, and was composed of fifteen members of the British Medical Association and five non-members, as follows: Drs. J. Affleck, T. E. Flitcroft, J. L. Falconer, H. Jefferies, R. B. Kilpatrick, T. G. Laslett, R. D. Mothersole, F. R. Mallett, J. Robinson, K. Robinson, W. Rolland, J. S. Sewell, J. Thornley, sen., A. G. Park,

T. O'Neill, *S. F. Mawson, *E. C. Racker, *R. S. Martin, *G. F. Waterson, and *S. Rees. (Those gentlemen marked* are appointed to represent the non-members of the British Medical Association.) The following resolution, proposed by Dr. FALCONER and seconded by Dr. THORNLEY, was passed:

That in the event of those elected failing to serve, the Committee have power to elect up to the number of twenty.

Annual Meeting of Branch.—Dr. JEFFERIES gave an outline of the programme of the annual meeting of the Branch to be held in Bolton on June 19th, and a committee was elected to carry out details.

LIVERPOOL DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Tuesday, May 7th, at the Medical Institution, Liverpool. Dr. H. HARVEY, Vice-Chairman of the Division, took the chair.

Nominations for Central Council.—The meeting had been called to receive nominations for the Central Council, and on a vote being taken it was resolved:

That Mr. F. Charles Larkin and Dr. F. J. S. Heaney be nominated as candidates for election as members of the Central Council of the Association.

MANCHESTER (SOUTH) DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this division was held at the Holy Innocents Schools, Fallowfield, on Thursday, April 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. GRANT DAVIE presided. There were also present: Drs. Ashcroft, Brown, Cotterill, Edlin, Gregory, Goodfellow, Godson, Crichton-Hood, Heathcote, Holt, Hopkinson, Hulme, Jones, McDougall, Mitchell, Martin, Russen Rhodes, Riddall, Stocks, Salter, Stowell, and Sarjant.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting (April 3rd) were read and confirmed.

Apologies for Non-attendance. — Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. Christie, Sawers Scott, and Webb.

Defence Fund.—A letter from Dr. Cox in reference to the Defence Fund, dated April 1st, was read. This contained an urgent appeal to every member of the Association to support this fund by guaranteeing to the best of his ability.

Report of Organization Subcommittee.—Dr. COTTERILL, Honorary Secretary of the Organization Subcommittee, reported as follows:

Report.

The Organization Subcommittee having considered the dividing up of the Division area into convenient subdistricts for the purpose of efficient organization, defined eight subdistricts, namely, Didsbury, Gorton, Heaton Chapel, Levenshulme, Longsight, Rusholme, Withington, and Wilmslow. Each member of the subcommittee took charge of a subdistrict, and reported to a subsequent meeting the steps that had been taken in each district to place before practitioners resident in that district the policy and programme of the Association with reference to the Insurance Act; and this subcommittee having considered reports on the meetings held and other steps taken in the several districts, feels confident that it will be possible for the Provisional Local Medical Committees to secure the adherence of all practitioners in the Division to a pledge (1) to refuse to accept any contract appointments rendered vacant through the action of the Association; and (2) of all present holders of contract appointments to place their resignations of such appointments in the hands of the Provisional Local Medical Committee with a view to uniform national action being taken if necessary.

The Subcommittee recommends to this meeting:

1. The election of a Provisional Local Medical Committee, representation being given to each subdistrict as follows: One each to Heaton Chapel, Levenshulme, and Wilmslow, and two to each of the remaining five districts.

2. That the Chairman, Representative, and Honorary Secretary of the Division for the time being be *ex officio* members of the committee.

3. That the Provisional Local Medical Committee be granted power to co-opt additional members as it thinks fit so that representation of non-members of the Association and of any other medical interests not represented by the Committee as first appointed may if necessary be secured.

Provisional Local Medical Committee.—A vote by ballot was taken on the names of those nominated in the several districts for election on the Provisional Local Medical Committee. The scrutineers selected by the meeting were Dr. P. McDougall and Dr. Hulme. The CHAIRMAN announced that the following members, representing the various districts, were duly elected. Dr. Cotterill was elected Honorary Secretary to the Committee, with the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, and Representative of the Division as *ex officio* members. Wilmslow (1): Dr. Byers. Withington (2): Dr. Sarjant, Dr. Scott. Gorton (2): Dr. Martin, Dr. Webb. Longsight (2): Dr. Gregory, Dr. Salter. Heaton Chapel (1): Dr. Holt. Levenshulme (1): Dr. Edlin. Rusholme (2): Dr. Cotterill, Dr. Davie. Didsbury (2): Dr. Godson, Dr. Goodfellow. Dr. HOLT asked whether, in a case where a member of the Committee could not be present, it would be permissible to appoint a deputy. Dr. DAVIE stated that, although constitutionally a deputy could not be appointed, yet it was so very important that each district should always be represented that he ruled that a deputy might under the cirumstances be appointed who would be acceptable to the members in that district. Whereupon Dr. HOLT proposed, and Dr. RHODES seconded:

That any member of the Provisional Local Medical Committee, finding himself unable to attend a meeting of that Committee, shall be entitled to appoint a deputy to represent him at that meeting.

This was carried *nemine contradicente.*

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held at Dr. Hopkinson's, Parsonage Nook, Withington, on Friday, May 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. GRANT DAVIE presided. There were also present: Drs. Brown, Cotterill, Gregory, Godson, Heathcote, Holt, Hopkinson, MacGregor, Mitchell, Martin, Russen Rhodes, Stowell, Simcock, Sawers Scott, Stocks, Salter, Webb, and Whitworth. Dr. McGrath was present by invitation.

The Canvassing List.—Dr. HOLT asked whether a member of the profession who was reported to be a "sixpenny" man should be asked to join the Association. The feeling of the meeting was that every member of the profession should be canvassed and brought into line professionally with his colleagues. He was therefore asked to place him on his canvass list.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting (April 25th) were read and confirmed.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Dr. Sargant and Dr. Chevers.

Medical Federation, Limited.—A letter from the general practitioners of South-East Essex Division was read. This requested the British Medical Association to advise its members to join the Medical Federation, Limited, or show reason why they should not. The meeting decided to let the letter lie on the table.

Proprietary Medicines.—A letter from the Medico-Political Committee of the British Medical Association was read, announcing the inquiry by the Government into patent and proprietary medicines, and asking members to send any facts to head office bearing on the advertisement, sale, and effects of patent medicines. The CHAIRMAN requested members to keep this appeal in mind.

Club Appointments.—The forms of pledge and resignation in relation to club appointments were read and generally approved of by the meeting.

Nominations for Election on Central Council. — As representatives of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch on the Central Council, Dr. RHODES proposed and Dr. STOCKS seconded Dr. T. A. Helme, 8, St. Peter's Square, Manchester. Dr. GREGORY proposed and Dr. BROWN seconded Dr. S. Hodgson, The Crescent, Salford. One other name was proposed, but a vote of the meeting decided in favour of Dr. Helme and Dr. Hodgson.

A National Medical Service.—Dr. RUSSEN RHODES, in a paper, explained more fully his letter which appeared in the SUPPLEMENT of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of April 20th, on the subject of a National Medical Service, a detailed account of which will be found in the SUPPLEMENT of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 4th. An interesting discussion followed, after which it appeared that the meeting on the whole was favourable to some such service; several members refrained from voting.

Postponement of Paper.—On account of the late hour it was decided to postpone the reading of Dr. Hopkinson's paper, as it was the general desire that there should be a full discussion on the subject, namely, the dosage of some of our commoner drugs.

School Clinics.—Dr. McGRATH, from the Manchester (North) Division, advocated the establishment of a school clinic in Gorton, in view of the fact that the National Health Board intended to give grants to further the treatment of school children after medical inspection. The CHAIRMAN informed the meeting that the principle of school clinics had been rejected three years ago by the joint committee of Manchester and Salford, on account of the probable abuse by paying patients.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

CHELSEA DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Local Provisional Medical Committee of Chelsea and Fulham was held at the Fulham Town Hall on Tuesday, May 7th, Dr. YOUNG in the chair. There were present: Drs. P. Spaull, G. Coltart, J. Orr, T. M. Ross, A. F. Millar, A. Benham, J. C. Jackson, E. Hudson, H. Butler, W. S. Lee, E. W. Lewis, J. Hamilton, Campbell Boyd, J. Dewar, M. J. Williams, W. Bonney, E. P. Satchell, and J. R. Gallard.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Borough Council and Attendance on the Sick.—The HONORARY SECRETARY informed the meeting that the Town Clerk of Fulham had mentioned to him (unofficially) that the Borough Council contemplated availing themselves of that clause of the National Insurance Act which gives public authorities the power to make their own arrangements for providing sickness and other benefits for their employees; and he would be glad to know if the local profession considered that a contribution of 2d. per week for each employee would cover the cost of medical benefit (including drugs). After considerable discussion, during which there was a consensus of opinion that 2½d. and not 2d. would cover the cost of medical benefit, the Secretary was instructed to ask for an official application as to the terms on which medical men would be recommended to accept appointments for the purpose mentioned. The Honorary Secretary also informed the meeting that he had been asked to enter into a contract to attend persons who were almspeople, and therefore could not be insured under the Act. He had considered the offer only on condition that he should be paid at the rate of 10s. per annum for each almsperson. The general feeling of the meeting was that under those circumstances he would be justified in completing the contract.

Subcommittee's Report.—Two meetings were held, and a list of medical men for each member of the General Committee to canvass had been prepared and sent to them. A draft of the proposed Information Form had also been submitted for their approval. The Committee instructed the Subcommittee to draft an explanatory letter, enclosing (*a*) the Information Form with one or two slight modifications; (*b*) a copy of the supplementary pledge *re* contract practice; (*c*) a copy of the resignation form *re* contract practice; (*d*) an appeal for subscriptions to the expenses of this Committee, with preliminary list of subscribers for circulation amongst all the medical men in the area of the Division.

A MEETING of the Chelsea Division was held at the Fulham Town Hall on Tuesday, May 7th, Dr. YOUNG in the chair. There were present, in addition to the members of the Local Provisional Committee, Drs. J. R. Wells, D. Whiteley, A. G. Wells, J. Edwards, T. J. Tonkin, W. E. Robinson, W. Bonney, F. W. Griffen, F. E. Cox, J. H. Reynolds, R. Merrick, F. Preston, Wm. Keen, and J. Fletcher.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.—(1) Letters were read from the South Essex Division advocating support of the National Federation, Limited. (2) From the Central Office, with reference to proprietary medicines. (3) From the Kensington Division, requesting support of its nominees for the Central Council and the Branch Council.

Vote of Condolence.—Dr. T. M. Ross moved and it was seconded that a letter of sympathy should be sent to the widow of Dr. Morton, of 44, Whiteheads Grove, Chelsea. This was carried in silence, the members standing.

Nomination of Members to Central Council.—Dr. E. W. LEWIS moved and Dr. GALLARD seconded:

> That this Division do nominate Dr. Chas. Buttar, Chairman of the Kensington Division, as a member of the Central Council.

This was carried unanimously.

Nomination of Officers of Branch.—The Division decided to nominate as follows: *President-elect of the Branch*, Dr. Langdon-Down; *Vice-Presidents of the Branch*, Mr. H. W. Chambers, Dr. Jas. Young.

Local Provisional Medical Committee.—The report of the Local Provisional Medical Committee was received and adopted. Dr. J. C. JACKSON moved:

> That the Local Provisional Medical Committee be empowered to co-opt members.

He remarked that the Committee as at present constituted did not include a single member of a hospital staff. The resolution was seconded by Dr. SPAULL and carried unanimously.

Expenses of the Committee.—It was moved by Dr. SPAULL and seconded by Dr. BUTLER:

> That the Division do contribute the sum of £5 towards the expenses of the Committee.

This was carried unanimously.

Instructions to Representative.—The following instructions to Dr. Fletcher for the Annual Representative Meeting at Liverpool were moved by Dr. W. S. LEE:

> That the Council and general body of the British Medical Association extend and give official recognition and assistance to the National Federation, Limited, or take steps towards early affiliation with that body.

Dr. Lee said: I propose this resolution, gentlemen, because, in my opinion, I am sure it is time that the governing body of the British Medical Association should take advantage of every possible means they can to strengthen their own power and position and to protect the interests of the profession. You are all aware that the Association cannot use its own actual funds to compensate any medical practitioner for any loss he may sustain in fighting against the evils of the Insurance Act. The only money it can spend in this manner is that specially collected for that purpose. We know that so far the amount so collected has not been equal to the demand likely to be called for. Most medical men, myself included, have refrained from contributing owing to the Smith Whitaker episode. That is past history, but it, in conjunction with the exposure of the weak-kneed policy and actions of the officials of the Association, has shaken the confidence of many in the power and ability of the Association. Now, however, the rank and file of the Association have asserted themselves in a clear and definite manner, and their action is bearing fruit, and so we may look forward to brighter things. Still, we must not rest on our oars. We must see that the Association does not throw away any chance of improving our position. There is one chance of so doing, and it is by no means a small one. The Association, through its Council, can strongly advise its members to join the National Federation, Limited, and it can also take steps to become affiliated to that body. I believe it can come to such an arrangement with the National Federation, Limited, that a single annual subscription will pay for the two, that is to say, the British Medical Association and the National Federation. The only further contribution likely to be asked from you is a guarantee of £5. This £5 guarantee will establish a strike fund, and would only be called on and used when necessary. What we want is a trade union. Well, here is one already formed, one which, if you only join it, will enable you to fight not only the National Insurance Act, but the extending and encroaching power of that terrible octopus, the London and other County Councils. It will also enable you to fight against hospital and contract abuse by seeing that its members support each other all over the kingdom, and that you need have no fear of another man accepting a post you have resigned because of injustice. I ask you, Why is it that the Council of the Association offers a cold shoulder to the National Federation, Limited? Is it jealousy because those men in Bristol have accomplished quietly and without any blowing of trumpets what the Association has so often talked about

but never accomplished? Or is it that the Council, in its superior wisdom, cannot realize the great power it has in its hands, if it will only make use of it by affiliating with the National Federation? No better means of strengthening our position can be found than by adopting the plan I have outlined, and I urge you to pass this resolution and to point out to the governing body of the Association that it is its duty to take advantage of every possible means to protect and advance our interests, and that a most important step in that direction would be affiliation with the National Federation, Limited. Dr. BUTLER seconded. Dr. FLETCHER, although in favour of the resolution, thought it ought to be emphasized that the Central and other Defence Funds of the British Medical Association could be used for compensation purposes. Dr. HAMILTON moved the following amendment:

That whilst we welcome the formation of the new Insurance Company—the National Federation, Limited—and hope that many of our members will join it for their own protection, we desire to impress most emphatically on all members of the Division and of the profession in general that the only really effective way of securing our ends is to generously support the Guarantee Fund of the British Medical Association.

This was seconded by Dr. WILLIAM KEEN. On a show of hands this was defeated by a small majority. Dr. J. C. JACKSON thought such an important matter required further consideration, and moved that it be adjourned till the next meeting. This was seconded by Dr. SPAULL, and carried by 23 votes to 4. Dr. GALLARD moved:

That the Division give its support to the following motion of the East Norfolk Division:

That the time has now come when the Council should take into consideration the payment of the necessary out-of-pocket expenses of Representatives at Representative Meeting.

This was seconded by Dr. DEWAR and carried unanimously. Dr. FLETCHER moved that the Division recommend:

That the Annual Representative Meeting shall commence on the third Tuesday in July.

This was seconded by Dr. BUTLER and carried unanimously. Dr. SPAULL spoke as follows: "On reading Circular D 49 and the copy of the complementary pledge, it appears to me that if any medical man refuses to sign the latter and persists in taking further contract work, that there is no penalty attached to such a course. The only punishment that threatens him is 'to be sent to Coventry by his professional brethren.' What will such a man care for that?" He therefore moved:

That the Representative Body instruct the Council or the State Sickness Insurance Committee to approach the General Medical Council in order to ascertain if that body will be prepared to accept a charge of infamous conduct (such charge to be formulated by the British Medical Association) against any medical man who is guilty of accepting (*a*) any appointment which another practitioner has resigned when called upon by the British Medical Association to do so; (*b*) any further contract work which includes insured persons on terms which are not acceptable to the Local Provisional Medical Committee of his area.

Dr. WHITELEY, in seconding, said that there was at present no effective method of preventing blacklegs from stepping into the posts which many of them filled at present. The resolution was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy thereof to the State Sickness Insurance Committee and to the Secretaries of all Divisions in the United Kingdom.

Expenses of Representatives at Annual Representative Meeting.—Dr. GALLARD moved and Dr. BUTLER seconded:

That every member of the Division be requested to subscribe the sum of 1s. in order to defray the expenses of our Representative at the forthcoming meeting at Liverpool.

This was carried unanimously.

Fulham Board of Guardians and Midwifery Fees.—Dr. YOUNG called the attention of the meeting to a recent instance in which he had been unable to obtain a fee from the Fulham guardians for attending a maternity case when so requested by a registered midwife. One or two other medical men present stated that they had also met with a refusal. Dr. SPAULL moved and Dr. MILLAR seconded:

That as two or three cases have been reported to the Division in which members have been unable to obtain their fees for attending maternity cases when requested to do so by a registered midwife, the Fulham Board of Guardians be informed:

That unless the fees of medical men attending maternity cases on the request of a registered midwife be paid in all cases (subject to no reservation excepting notice of such attendance within fourteen days thereof) the Division will be compelled to advise its members not to attend such cases under any circumstances whatever, and that should a fatality unfortunately occur through such want of skilled attendance, the officers of the Division will be instructed to see that the coroner is informed of the reason thereof.

This was carried.

CITY DIVISION.

A MEETING, to which all members of the profession practising in the area of the Division were invited, was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall on April 17th. About one hundred doctors were present.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a Provisional Committee to safeguard the interests of the profession in connexion with the National Insurance Act. The following are the names of the gentlemen elected to represent the various boroughs in the area of the Division:—*City:* Drs. A. Withers Green, J. Adams, Sequeira, and Galt. *Bethnal Green:* Drs. Nicholson and Hora. *Finsbury:* Drs. Evan Jones, J. Dorran, and W. F. Roe. *Shoreditch:* Drs. J. H. Porter and T. Chetwood. *Stoke Newington:* Drs. V. Price, Durno, Williams, and Jaffé. *Hackney:* Drs. Elizabeth Wilks, Ross, Whitelaw, C. Dixon, Swan, Reilly, and Elmslie. It was decided that the following officers of the Division should be *ex officio* members of the Committee: Drs. Gerald Johnston (Chairman of Division), E. W. Goodall (Representative), J. W. Hunt (Member of Branch Council), C. F. Hadfield (Member of Branch Council), Major Greenwood (Member of Central Council), A. G. Southcombe (Honorary Secretary of Division).

EALING DIVISION.

A MEETING convened by the Ealing Division in conjunction with the West Middlesex Insurance Defence Committee, to which all doctors had been invited, took place on Wednesday, May 1st. Dr. LOWRY, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, took the chair, thirty-four medical men being present.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. Vining) stated that the meeting had been called to obtain the leave of the Division to call the West Middlesex Insurance Defence Committee the "Provisional Medical Committee of the Ealing Division." He pointed out that the West Middlesex Committee had been in existence since November of last year, and he believed it was the first Committee of the kind to be formed. Its constitution was practically identical with the definition of a Provisional Medical Committee that the British Medical Association now asked them to form. He therefore proposed that simply the change in name should take place, with the addition of two or three more representatives. Leave was given, and the Committee now stands as follows: *Acton:* Drs. Dixson, Neil, Thornton, and Timmins. *Bedford Park:* Dr. Jamieson. *Brentford:* Drs. Bott and Lowry. *Chiswick:* Drs. Diplock, Fountain, and French. *Ealing:* Drs. George Arthur, Cockle, James, Savery, and Vining. *Hanwell:* Drs. Hewison, Hope, and Wolfe. *Hayes:* Dr. Parrott. *Hounslow:* Dr. Christian. *Southall:* Drs. Shanks and Sinigar. It was pointed out that Uxbridge would now become part of the Harrow Division, and therefore its representative on the West Middlesex Committee (Dr. Davidson) was not now a representative at Ealing.

The Pledge.—The necessity and importance of every doctor's signature to this bond was explained and the steps the Provisional Medical Committee was about to take stated. At the close of the meeting the doctors present handed in their pledges signed.

Vote of Thanks.—The meeting concluded with the usual vote of thanks.

HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Friday, May 10th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Central Library, Finchley Road. Dr. ADAM OAKLEY was in the chair and twenty-eight members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes as printed in the JOURNAL were taken as read and confirmed.

Local Defence Fund.—A letter replying to the Hampstead Provisional Committee on the question of the existence of a local defence fund was read, intimating that at a meeting of the profession on July 19th it was decided not to form one.

Nominations for Council.—A letter from the Secretary of the Branch with reference to nominations for office on the Branch Council was read; also a letter from the Secretary of the Kensington Division enclosing the names of nominees for the above offices by that Division, and asking for support. It was moved by Dr. OPPENHEIMER, seconded by Dr. OAKLEY, and carried:

That no recommendation on the subject be made.

Closure of Meeting.—Arising out of a question it was decided that meetings held at the Central Library should terminate as soon as possible after 10.15 p.m.

The Undertaking.—Arising out of a question, the HONORARY SECRETARY gave the following information. For the Hampstead Division—

Number of practitioners members of the Association	276
Number of practitioners non-members	220
Number of members who have signed undertaking	395
Number of members who have not signed undertaking	101
Number of guarantors	101
Amount guaranteed	£551 8s. 6d.
Number of practitioners holding friendly society appointments	42

Grouping of Representatives for New Divisions.—Arising out of the question upon the agenda paper with reference to the grouping of Representatives for the new Divisions, Dr. OPPENHEIMER moved and Dr. OAKLEY seconded:

That the representation of the Hampstead Division at the Annual Representative Meeting remain unchanged.

The resolution was carried *nemine contradicente.*

Matter of Urgency.—On the matter of urgency on the agenda paper, Dr. MACEVOY moved and Dr. OPPENHEIMER seconded:

That the action of the Committee of the Division be confirmed.

This was carried *nemine contradicente.*

Report from Representatives.—A report from the Representatives to the Branch Council was received and discussed.

Nominations for Central Council.—Dr. OPPENHEIMER proposed and Dr. PRITCHARD seconded:

That Dr. Major Greenwood be nominated by the Division.

An amendment was proposed by Dr. FORD ANDERSON and accepted and seconded by Dr. OPPENHEIMER:

That in addition to Dr. Greenwood, Dr. Basil Morison, Dr. F. J. Smith, and Dr. M. G. Biggs be nominated by the Division.

This was carried with two dissentients, and the substantive motion—

That Drs. Major Greenwood, Basil Morison, F. J. Smith, and M. G. Biggs be nominated for office on the Central Council,

was carried. It was then proposed by Dr. OPPENHEIMER and seconded by Dr. OAKLEY:

That the names of the Division nominees be sent to the members of the Division with the next agenda paper.

Paper.—Dr. F. W. PRICE read a paper on recent advances on the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease, illustrated by the polygraph. His lecture was of great interest, and was further illustrated by diagrams and black-board drawings. Drs. FORD ANDERSON, OPPENHEIMER, SHARMAN, and SODEN joined in the discussion.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to Dr. Price terminated the meeting.

HARROW DIVISION.

Provisional Medical Committee.

THIS Committee held its first meeting on May 7th. Present: Drs. Brady, Barton, Bluett, Charpentier, Davidson, Dyson, Edwards, Hatch, Harley, Humphry, Jones, McIntosh, Martin, Pennefather, Romer, and Williams. Dr. A. H. WILLIAMS, Chairman of the Division, occupied the chair *pro tem.*, and welcomed the two representatives from Uxbridge, who for the first time were now associated with this Division.

Election of Officers on the Committee.—Dr. EDWARDS proposed, and Dr. HATCH seconded, and it was carried unanimously:

That Dr. A. H. Williams be elected as Chairman.

Dr. WILLIAMS proposed and Dr. JONES seconded:

That Dr. C. M. Pennefather be elected as Honorary Secretary.

This was carried unanimously.

Date of Meetings.—It was decided:

That meetings should be held when necessary on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m. in the Gayton Rooms, Harrow.

That at meetings of this Committee seven shall form a quorum.

That the expenses of the Committee shall be defrayed out of the Central Defence Fund, as authorized by Reference from the Central Office, D 46, paragraph 13.

Central Defence Fund.—Out of this a discussion arose as to obtaining further support to the Central Defence Fund, and it was suggested that canvassers should attempt to secure additional guarantors.

Reference D 49 from the State Sickness Insurance Committee.—This was read by the HONORARY SECRETARY, and discussed seriatim. The CHAIRMAN proposed, Dr. McINTOSH seconded, and it was carried unanimously:

That the Harrow Provisional Medical Committee asserts its intention to institute the procedure outlined in paragraph 9, and instructs the Honorary Secretary to notify the Head Office to that effect.

The Pledge.

Arising out of D 49, a question was asked as to whether the latter part of the pledge would necessitate voluntary medical officers of such institutions as, for instance, cottage hospitals, resigning their appointments to these institutions if it became necessary, and decided in the affirmative.

A similar question as to the treatment of insured persons in fever hospitals was decided in the negative.

Dr. WILLIAMS proposed from the chair that, as an example to their brother practitioners, all the members of the Committee now present should sign the pledge. The pledge was then signed by all the sixteen members present.

All members of the Committee who were willing to canvass the profession in the Division were invited to do so, and the Honorary Secretary allotted to each member who so signified his willingness, a list of medical practitioners in his immediate neighbourhood. In this way a complete canvass was arranged, and canvassers were asked to forward returns to the Honorary Secretary, if possible, in time to be communicated to the Divisional meeting fixed to be held on May 16th.

The canvassers were asked to use the following suggested rules in making their canvass:

1. To explain fully the nature of the pledge.
2. To obtain signatures to the pledge.
3. To ascertain the number and names of *all* contract practice appointments, including private clubs, which may contain persons to be insured under the Act.
4. To ascertain the amount of notice required for each appointment if known.
5. To procure the names and addresses of the secretaries of these clubs and societies.
6. To forward a list with the results of the canvass to the Honorary Secretary.
7. To press for guarantees to the Central Fund.
8. To urge any non-members of the Association to join.

It was suggested that if any diffidence was shown by a medical practitioner in giving information as to his contract practice appointments to the canvasser, he should be asked to forward this information direct to the Honorary Secretary.

KENSINGTON DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the members of the Kensington Division (to which resident non-members were also invited) was held on Wednesday, May 1st, at the Kensington Town Hall, at 4 p.m., and was attended by about one hundred practitioners.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Nomination for Offices.

The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Charles Buttar) announced that the Executive Committee had made the following nominations for offices in the Division: *Chairman*, Mr. E. B. Turner; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. T. G. Alderton; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr. Herbert Tanner; and as *Assistant Honorary Secretary*, Drs. Raiment and Fry were nominated by the meeting.

The Executive Committee also nominated the following four for election as *Representatives*—Mr. E. B. Turner, Dr. H. Beckett-Overy, Mr. H. H. Sturge, Dr. H. H. Mills. Mr. P. C. Raiment and Dr. Crawford Thomson were also nominated. It was then decided that the four representatives should be elected by ballot, and also at the same time the office of Assistant Honorary Secretary. Sir John Collie and Dr. E. Chittenden Bridges were appointed scrutineers. The following four members were elected as *Representatives*—Mr. E. B. Turner, Dr. H. Beckett-Overy, Mr. P. C. Raiment, Mr. H. H. Sturge.

The Executive Committee had nominated the following for election to offices on the Branch Council—*President-elect*, Dr. Langdon Down; *Vice-President*, Mr. H. W. Chambers; *Treasurer*, Dr. Lauriston Shaw. These nominations were then confirmed by the meeting.

Nominations to Central Council.—The nomination of Dr. Charles Buttar for a seat on the Central Council was also confirmed by the meeting with acclamation.

Provisional Medical Committee.

It was then agreed to elect by ballot members for the Provisional Medical Committee under the State Insurance Act, and ballot papers with the names of nominees were distributed to the whole of the practitioners present at the meeting. The results were as follows:

Kensington Representation (17).—Members of the British Medical Association (12): Drs. H. Beckett-Overy, H. H. Mills, G. L. Turnbull, D. F. Maunsell, Cathcart Bruce, W. Culver James, H. L. Carre-Smith, H. T. N. Merrick, H. M. Stratford, J. L. Salmond, A. J. Rice-Oxley, S. H. Greene. Non-Members (5): Drs. Ronald Carter, R. H. Dreaper, D. J. M. Conacher, E. T. Gregory, F. Warner.

Hammersmith Representation (12).—Members of the British Medical Association (9): Drs. T. G. Alderton, W. H. Burnhill, H. W. Chambers, A. J. Carter, W. E. Fry, Wilfrid Kingdon, P. C. Raiment, G. J. Crawford Thomson, M. Milton Townsend. Non-Members (3): Drs. R. Bevan, Alexander Reid, George Barnes.

Paddington Representation (14).—Members of the British Medical Association (10): Drs. E. Chatterton, W. M. Whittaker, W. H. Gimblett, R. G. Murray, A. Benson, E. B. Turner, C. Buttar, G. A. H. Barton, H. H. Sturge, Herbert Tanner. Non-Members (4): Drs. C. D. Adam, W. Salisbury Sharpe, J. C. Williams, A. H. Spicer.

The CHAIRMAN then moved the following resolutions:

1. That the Committee consist of 43 members together with the chairman and honorary secretaries of the Division.
2. That the respective numbers from each borough be according to the population, namely, one member for each 10,000 inhabitants.
3. That not less than twelve shall be non-members of the British Medical Association.
4. That the Provisional Medical Committee shall be empowered to co-opt additional members, not exceeding four in number and they shall fill vacancies caused by resignation in the same way.
5. That the Branch Council be the co-ordinating body of the Metropolitan Counties area.
6. That the Chairman and Honorary Secretaries of the Kensington Division shall be the Officers of the Provisional Medical Committee.

All these resolutions were agreed to by the meeting.

Action of State Sickness Insurance Committee.—Mr. E. B. TURNER addressed the meeting at some length, lucidly explaining the steps taken by the State Insurance Committee in the matter of the profession's interests under the State Insurance Act. He appealed to all to join the Association and to show a united front, and, in concluding, he alluded to the very unsatisfactory state of the guarantee fund of the Division, and strongly appealed to all to help in this matter, and in the organization of the profession in the Division's area.

NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting, to which every practitioner residing in this district was invited, was held in the Hornsey Council Schools, Finsbury Park, on Thursday, May 9th. Over seventy medical practitioners were present. Dr. BRACKENBURY was unanimously elected to the chair.

Provisional Medical Committee.—It was resolved:

That the committee should consist of 21 members, the representation of the various districts being as follows: Tottenham 4, Edmonton 2, Wood Green 2, Southgate 3, Enfield 2, Hornsey 6, Friern Barnet 1, and South Mimms 1.

The following medical men were then elected to the committee: For Tottenham, Drs. Barnes, Hutt, Marjoribanks, and O'Meara; for Edmonton, Drs. Burton and Shaw; for Wood Green, Drs. Winston and F. C. Wood; for Southgate, Drs. Grant, Stewart Smith, and R. T. Vivian; for Enfield, Drs. Distin and Foote; for Hornsey, Drs. Brackenbury, French, Fuller, Howie, Lee, and Rogers; for Friern Barnet, Dr. Spreat; for South Mimms, Dr. Douglass. Dr. R. T. Vivian was elected Chairman and Dr. Barnes Honorary Secretary of the committee, Rules were adopted, and it was resolved to recognize the Council of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association as the co-ordinating centre for the districts of the metropolitan area.

THE fifth ordinary meeting of this Division was held at the Hornsey Council Schools, Finsbury Park, on May 9th, Dr. H. B. BRACKENBURY in the chair. Seventy members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the fourth ordinary meeting (Februry 16th) were taken as read and signed as correct.

Government Inquiry into Patent and Proprietary Medicines.—This inquiry was announced and medical men were invited to bring evidence for its consideration.

Nomination to Central Council.—It was unanimously agreed to nominate Dr. J. R. Fuller for election to the Council.

Alteration of Eastern Boundary of Division.—The following resolution was passed:

That the eastern boundary of the Division be changed so as to coincide with the county boundary.

The Association as a Trade Union.—Moved by Dr. FULLER, seconded by Dr. REDMOND, and carried:

That it be an instruction to the Central Council to seek to obtain the opinion of Divisions as to the desirability of the Association becoming a registered "trade union."

The proceedings then terminated.

RICHMOND DIVISION.

Special Meeting.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division, to which all members of the profession resident in the area of the Division were invited, was held at the Twickenham Free Library on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Provisional Local Medical Committee.—It was resolved:

1. That a Provisional Local Medical Committee for the area covered by the Division be formed.
2. That the number of the committee be twenty-two, with power to add to their number.
3. That of the twenty-two members of the committee seventeen be members and five not members of the British Medical Association.
4. That the election of the committee be by postal vote.
5. That the Branch Council be recognized as the co-ordinating body.

General Meeting.

A general meeting of the Division was held at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, on Wednesday, April 24th.

Provisional Local Medical Committee.—The result of the postal vote having been made known, Dr. G. CARDNO STILL, the Chairman, declared the following to be duly elected members of the Provisional Local Medical Committee: Drs. G. Maguire, J. R. Johnson, J. H. Crocker, H. W. Henshaw, L. Clark Newton, H. B. Boulter, S. S. Burn, A. E. Evans, M. O. Coleman, H. N. Holberton, R. N. Goodman, H. Cooper (Surbiton), A. Senior, H. R. Sedgwick, W. M. Paul, G. Cardno Still, R. L. Langdon-Down, C. C. Scott, H. Cooper (Hampton), F. E. Marshall, G. S. Ewen, J. H. R. Robinson.

Special Representative Meeting.—Dr. G. MAGUIRE gave a report of the proceedings of the Special Representative Meeting.

Paper.—Dr. L. N. DENSLOW read a most interesting paper on the surgical treatment of locomotor ataxia.

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held, conjointly with the City Division, on Tuesday, March 26th, at Livingstone College, Knott's Green, Leyton, at 4 p.m., by the kind invitation of Dr. C. F. Harford. Five City and eighteen South-West Essex members and friends were present. Dr. C. J. HORNER presided.

Martyrs of Medicine.—An address entitled "Some Martyrs of Medicine" was given by Sir WILLIAM COLLINS,

Senior Surgeon, London Temperance Hospital. In his address the lecturer dealt chiefly with the lives of Semmelweis and Servetus. No discussion followed, but the wish was expressed that those present should have an opportunity of seeing the lecture in print.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Dr. ROBERT JONES and seconded by Dr. E. W. GOODALL and carried with acclamation. Sir WILLIAM COLLINS thanked the meeting and then left.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting of February 14th, 1912, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed. The minutes of the meeting on Thursday, March 14th, 1912, were read and confirmed.

Apology for Non-attendance.—A letter of apology for non-attendance was received from Dr. F. J. Oxley.

Transfer of Member.—A letter from the North Middlesex Division was read referring to the suggested transfer of a member of that Division residing at Waltham Abbey to this Division, and it was decided that the Secretary should inform the North Middlesex Division that the South-West Essex Division was agreeable to the change.

Provisional Medical Committees.—A letter from the State Sickness Insurance Committee was read referring to the suggested formation of Provisional Medical Committees for Branches and Divisions. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

Walthamstow Education Committee.—Dr. W. G. NOBLE asked what the present position was with regard to the Walthamstow Education Committee, and whether any action was to be taken in the coming Council elections. The SECRETARY replied that it had been decided not to take any active part in the elections, but that a letter would be sent to each candidate reminding them that the misunderstanding still existed, and inviting their sympathy and support for the local doctors. The meeting then ended.

A MEETING of the Division was held on Thursday, April 25th, at the Walthamstow Hospital at 4 p.m. Twenty-three members and visitors were present. Dr. C. J. HORNER presided.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Lantern Demonstration.—A lantern demonstration entitled "Constipation" was given by Dr. A. HERTZ, Assistant Physician, Guy's Hospital, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Dr. C. J. Morton, who had arranged to give a demonstration of *x*-ray apparatus. A discussion followed, in which Drs. HORNER, WIGRAM, FRANK COLLINS, A. BERRILL, HARDING TOMKINS, WISE, MARGARET ROBKE, and W. W. ROBKE took part. Dr. HERTZ answered the numerous questions.

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. HICKMAN, seconded by Dr. F. COUTTS, and carried with acclamation. Dr. HERTZ thanked the meeting, which then ended.

MIDLAND BRANCH:

BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting was held at the White Hart Hotel on Friday, May 3rd, at 3.30 p.m. Dr. SOUTH was in the chair, and there were present: Drs. Allan, Barritt, Benson, Biggs, Bone, Collins, Crompton, Gallatly, Gillespie-Smith, Jacobson, Mason, Moxham, Munro, McNabb, Pilcher, Rendall, Spilsbury, Tate, Taylor, R. Tuxford, White, Fred Walker, Walls, Wilson-Smith, Wrinch, and the Secretary.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Expressions of regret for inability to attend were received from Drs. Black, Blair, Bernard, Burgess, Morris, Steil, A. J. Stiles, and Sweeten.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes were first read, confirmed, and signed.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The SECRETARY having read the instructions of the State Sickness Insurance Committee relative to the formation of a Provisional Medical Committee for the whole Division, Dr. SPILSBURY proposed, and Dr. ALLAN seconded, that the names suggested by the Executive Committee be accepted with the addition of Dr. Collins. This gives a committee of sixteen members and five non-members as follows: Members—Dr. South (Chairman), Dr. White (Vice-Chairman), Dr. Wilson (Secretary), Drs. Miller, Barritt, Collins, Husband, Mann, Mason, Pilcher, R. Tuxford, Witham, Benson, Fred Walker, Jacobsen, and Sweeten. Non-members—Drs. Frank Walker, Gilpin, Evans, S. H. Perry, and Sandall. This course of action has been necessary in order to carry out the instructions of the State Sickness Insurance Committee, so that the Divisional area might be properly represented on the Provisional Medical Committee, and thus supplants the Holland P. M. C. elected at the last general meeting.

Representative at Representative Meetings.—The SECRETARY reported that he had received from Dr. Cox, the Medical Secretary, the following letter, namely:

> I beg to inform you that the Council, at its meeting yesterday, on the recommendation of the Organization Committee, accorded independent representation in Representative Meeting for the year 1912–1913 (commencing with the annual meeting at Liverpool) to the Boston and Spalding Division.

Dr. Mason, who was elected Representative in February at a general meeting subject to the Central Council's consent, therefore fills this important office.

Central Defence Fund.—The SECRETARY stated that 48 medical men in the Division had subscribed to this fund, and that one of the duties of the Provisional Medical Committee was to persuade the remainder to follow their example. The Secretary reported that the scheme for a public medical service had not yet been sent out; it was therefore resolved to postpone the discussion of it until the next meeting.

National Insurance Act.—The pamphlet entitled *Supplementary Pledge for Signature by Members of the Profession*, which is published by the State Sickness Insurance, was read by the Secretary. In addition to the pledge there is a form for resignation of contract appointments to be filled in by June 30th, 1912.

Tea.—Thirteen members had tea in the hotel afterwards.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH:

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division was held at the Infirmary, Alnwick, on Tuesday, May 7th, for the purpose of (1) receiving report from the Executive Committee on an ethical case submitted to them; (2) considering the advisability of supporting a requisition for the separation of the present North of England Branch into two portions: (*a*) Northumberland and Tyneside Branch; (*b*) Durham and Deeside Branch. There were present: Drs. Macaskie, Moyes, Paxton, Watson, Welsh (Amble), Forrest, Philipson, Robson, and Burman. Dr. MACASKIE occupied the chair.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies for absence were received from Drs. Mackay, Dey, and Badcock.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The SECRETARY announced that, in accordance with the expressions of opinion at the last meeting, a public meeting of the practitioners in the Division had been held, at which a Provisional Committee had been appointed to safeguard the interests of the profession in the Division, and that a copy of the proceedings had been forwarded to every medical man in the Division.

Report of Executive Committee.—The CHAIRMAN presented the report of the Executive Committee upon an ethical case submitted to them for decision, and, on the motion of Dr. WATSON, seconded by Dr. WELSH (Amble), it was agreed that the report be approved, and that the case calls for no further expression of opinion from the meeting.

Proposed Division of Branch.—It was the opinion of the members present that the Division of the Branch into a North and South Division would be an advantage in carrying on the work of the Association, and that such a requisition, if sufficiently supported, was to be recommended.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

BANFF, ELGIN, AND NAIRN DIVISION.

THE first meeting of this newly-formed Division was held in Gray's Hospital, Elgin, on Saturday, May 4th. There were present Drs. Sellar, Alexander, Beaton, Duguid, Brander, Bissett, Adam (Forres), Mackie, Campbell, Lee, Cruickshank, Johns, Hendry, Stephen, Inglis, Iron-

side, Watson, Ogg, Taylor (Elgin), Taylor (Keith), Sinclair, and Dr. Munro Moir, Honorary Secretary of the Branch.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies were intimated from Drs. Whitton (Aberchirder), Rennie (Forres), Cameron (Nairn), and Turner (Keith).

Election of Chairman and Officers.—Dr. TAYLOR (Keith), in moving that Dr. Duguid (Buckie) be elected the first Chairman of the new Division, mentioned that Dr. Duguid had been practising for over fifty years and was an original member of the Branch. This nomination was unanimously agreed to. Dr. SELLAR (President of the Branch), who had occupied the chair up to this point, welcomed Dr. Duguid as first Chairman of the Banff, Elgin, and Nairn Division, and vacated the chair in his favour. Dr. Mackie (Elgin) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman and Dr. J. A. Stephen (Elgin) Secretary and Treasurer. Drs. Hutchison and Ironside were elected the two members of the Division on the Branch Council, and Drs. Adam (Forres), Alexander (Elgin), Campbell (Elgin), Ferguson (Banff), Taylor (Keith), and Wilson (Nairn) were elected the other members of the Executive Committee.

Ethical Subcommittee.—Drs. Alexander, Campbell, and Stephen were appointed an Ethical Subcommittee with powers to co-opt two outside members.

Rules.—Rules for the management of the affairs of the Division were then adopted.

Candidate for Membership.—Dr. STEPHEN intimated that Dr. Munro-Hopeman, who was present as a non-member, had consented to be proposed as a member of the Association, and his election was remitted to the Branch Council.

National Insurance.

A meeting of the medical men in the insurance area of Nairn and Elgin was subsequently held, when Dr. TAYLOR (Elgin) presided. The letters of April 27th and 30th from the Chairman of the Scottish Medical Insurance Council to the direct representatives were considered, and the HONORARY SECRETARY intimated that satisfactory replies to the queries of the executive had been received from almost all the men in the area, and had already been sent to the Acting Secretary to the Council.

The question of remuneration was then considered, when it was agreed, on the motion of Dr. ALEXANDER, to suggest as a capitation fee for this area 8s. 6d. for town and rural practice up to a distance of two miles, and for every mile or part of a mile a further capitation fee of 2s. 6d. per annum, with an income limit of £2. As an alternative to capitation fee, the meeting resolved to suggest a fee of 2s. 6d. per visit or consultation, with 1s. a mile allowance for mileage; that, also, with an income limit of £2.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

A CLINICAL meeting was held on April 17th, Dr. SHEAHAN, Chairman, presiding. Fifteen members were present.

Nomination for Central Council.—On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. HACKMAN, Dr. Mumby was unanimously nominated for the Council of the British Medical Association, in place of Mr. C. E. Stratton, resigned.

Clinical Cases.—Dr. COLE-BAKER showed a patient with a very perfect abdominal scar after laparotomy. Dr. CROWLEY showed a case of microcephaly with multiple digital deformity; also a case of tumour in the neck in which the diagnosis lay between chronic abscess, lipoma, and cystic hygroma. Mr. CHILDE showed a patient without recurrence two years after very extensive removal of breast and contents of the supraclavicular triangle combined with Beatson's operation. Dr. WOOD showed a case of bilateral muscular atrophy of the scapulo-humeral type.

Communication.—Dr. FARNCOMBE read notes of a case of tuberculosis of the lungs with secondary streptococcic infection which yielded to a stock antistreptococcic vaccine.

Pathological Specimens.—Dr. COLE-BAKER showed specimens of acute haemorrhagic pancreatitis and a tumour of the bladder wall. Mr. CHILDE showed two uteri which had been removed after Caesarean section, one for malignant disease and one for prolapse; also a retroperitoneal tumour of connective tissue type which had been removed, weighing 34¾ lb.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

BRIGHTON DIVISION.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The canvass of the Division is actively proceeding, and is being inaugurated by a series of sectional meetings to be held in various centres throughout the Division. Meetings are being held in Brighton, Hove, Southwick, Burgess Hill, and Lewes. The first meeting was held in Brighton, and thirty-four Brighton practitioners were present. Dr. TURTON, Chairman of the Provisional Committee, in his opening speech called attention to the fact that the Government pays a capitation fee of at least 8s. 6d. in the Post Office and Army Medical Services where the patients are picked lives. If they pay this capitation fee in all other departments, what justification have they for offering less under the Insurance Act? Mr. E. B. TURNER, member of the State Sickness Insurance Committee, then gave a very carefully reasoned statement of the policy of the Association. He pointed out that the profession is not struggling for the improvement of this or that club appointment, but for its very existence. He pointed out that the British Medical Association represents the whole profession, and that the State Sickness Insurance Committee was elected by the Representative Meeting, and consists almost entirely of general practitioners, only two members of the Council being included. It is this Committee which has done all the work with regard to the Insurance Act. The present position of the Association is that twelve members, representing the Association, have been appointed to the Advisory Committee, with instructions to retire if the six points of the Association are not obtained. Should the Commissioners be unable to grant the six points the profession will refuse to work the Act, in which event one of three things must happen: (1) The Government may try to work the Act as it stands. This is obviously impossible; a sufficient number of men could not be found, nor would the working classes submit to be treated by "blackleg doctors." (2) Whole-time medical officers at salaries. Here again the Association is strong enough to successfully oppose any attempt of this nature. (3) The return to the insured persons of the medical benefit in the form of a cash payment, allowing them to make their own medical arrangements. If this is done we are face to face with the danger of ten millions of our private patients becoming club patients at 4s. a year. It is to combat this danger that the State Sickness Insurance Committee has issued the new pledge, which is in the hands of the Provisional Medical Committees. This pledge asks every contract man to send in his resignation, to be held by the Provisional Medical Committee until such time as the Association decides to take action. A simultaneous resignation of all club appointments would come with dramatic force, and would place the medical profession in the position of master of the situation. No one need fear that the patients will be unable to obtain medical advice, for they can simply be treated as private patients until terms satisfactory to the profession are arranged. The pledge also ensures that no practitioner who thus resigns shall be superseded in the appointment which he has resigned, and also binds all men holding hospital appointments to refuse treatment, except in cases of emergency, to any persons insured under the Act. In reply to questions, Mr. Turner stated that Post Office appointments not being *contributory* would not be covered by the pledge. With regard to the question of the right of hospitals to refuse treatment to persons insured under the Act, he pointed out that such persons being in receipt of medical benefit under the Act would no longer be suitable persons to receive the benefits of a charity. The SECRETARY OF THE DIVISION also pointed out that a Statute excluding insured persons from treatment has already been passed by the Dispensary and the Eye Hospital, and is under consideration by the committees of other hospitals. Dr. TURTON proposed and Dr. RYLE seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Turner for his kindness in coming from London and for his very clear and eloquent explanation of the subject. This was carried by acclamation.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH:

EXETER DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of all medical men resident within the area of the Exeter Division was held at the Royal

Devon and Exeter Hospital on April 23rd. Mr. E. J. DOMVILLE was in the chair, and the following gentlemen were present: Drs. Russell Coombe, J. W. Sandoe, L. P. Black, W. W. Evans, M. Cutcliffe, G. T. Clapp, O. Clayton Jones, J. S. Steele-Perkins, J. Beddow, G. P. Hawker, C. Fenwick, J. Raglan Thomas, H. F. Semple, J. C. S. Rashleigh, G. R. McDonald, G. V. Burd, H. H. Serpell, C. E. Stokes, L. Powne, W. Gordon, G. F. Welsford, A. M. Braund, R. Hedden, F. J. H. Cann, E. A. Brash, H. Child, H. Davy, J. A. W. Pereira, T. W. W. Bovey, R. Burgess, G. G. Gidley, J. Kingdon Frost, J. Mortimer, Charles E. Bell, William Langran, D. F. Shearer, Henry Ashford, A. C. Roper, R. Worthington, J. Cock, and A. W. Fortescue Sayres (Honorary Secretary).

Address by Chairman.—Mr. DOMVILLE first addressed the meeting. He pointed out that a general meeting of medical men within the area of the Exeter Division had been called for the purpose of forming a Provisional Local Medical Committee. The State Sickness Insurance Committee proposed that in each Division throughout the country a committee of this character should be set up, so that the profession might be prepared to deal with the administration of the medical benefits of the Insurance Act when issued by the Commissioners, or, if these proved unsatisfactory, to be prepared for other eventualities.

Provisional Local Medical Committee.—Mr. DOMVILLE moved:

> That a Provisional Local Medical Committee be formed for the area of the Exeter Division of the British Medical Association.

Dr. GORDON seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously. The CHAIRMAN then called upon Mr. Russell Coombe to explain to the meeting a suggested form of constitution for such a committee. Mr. RUSSELL COOMBE said that he had worked out the population of the Exeter Division, and if a representative were allowed to 5,000 or 6,000 of the population, it would give a committee of about twenty-four members. He suggested that the Division should be broken up into sections of this size, with a representative elected by the medical men resident within the area of each section, and that consultants and non-members of the British Medical Association should be included. A discussion then arose as to whether the committee should be elected forthwith in the room, or whether each section should elect its representative. Dr. CLAYTON JONES proposed, and Dr. J. RAGLAN THOMAS seconded:

> That the representatives upon the Provisional Local Medical Committee be elected locally by the medical men within the area of each section, and by postal vote if so desired.

This was carried unanimously. The following sections were proposed and approved, and the gentlemen whose names appear opposite were asked to act as first conveners:

Section.	Number of Representatives.	First Convener.
Axminster and Seaton	1	W. H. Evans, Colyton.
Bude	1	A. M. Braund, Bude.
Cullompton ...	1	G. G. Gidley, Cullompton.
Dawlish	1	M. Cutcliffe, Dawlish.
Exeter	10	A. W. F. Sayres, Exeter.
Exmouth	2	H. Semple, Budleigh.
Honiton and Sidmouth	2	R. Hedden, Honiton.
Launceston ...	1	H. H. Serpell, Launceston.
Okehampton and Crediton	1	L. Powne, Crediton.
Teignmouth ...	1	F. W. Morton Palmer, Teignmouth.
Tiverton	2	G. F. Welsford, Tiverton.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division, to which all non-members residing in the area were invited to attend, was held in the Athenaeum, George Street, Plymouth, on Tuesday, April 30th. Over fifty members and non-members were present.

Provisional Medical Committee.—After the CHAIRMAN (Mr. R. Jaques) had made a few remarks as to the object of the meeting—namely, the formation of a Local Provisional Committee—Dr. B. SOLTAU proposed, Dr. NOY SCOTT seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:

> That this meeting of the medical profession in the Plymouth Divisional area, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the Special Representative Meeting, February, 1912, considers it advisable to form a Local Provisional Medical Committee to safeguard the interests of the profession.

Owing to the area included in the Division being partly urban and partly rural, Dr. MCCULLOCH proposed:

> That it would facilitate the work of a Provisional Committee to split the Division into five sections—Plymouth, Devonport, Tavistock, Kingsbridge, and Plympton.

This was seconded by Dr. MOIR and carried. Dr. WOOLLCOMBE then proposed:

> That the Provisional Committee should report from time to time to the Council of the South-Western Branch.

This was seconded by Dr. Fox and carried. There was some little discussion as to the *personnel* of the Provisional Committee. Ultimately, on the proposition of Dr. C. MUSGRAVE, seconded by Dr. WHITMORE, it was decided that the Committee should consist of twenty members and non-members of the British Medical Association, without fixed proportion, and with power to add to the number if necessary. A proposal to make the representatives on the Branch Council *ex officio* members of the Local Provisional Committee was not approved. On a ballot being taken, the following gentlemen were elected to form the Committee: Messrs. R. Jaques, R. Simpson, Geo. Wilson, C. J. Cooke, and H. Corbett, Dr. Wilkinson, Dr. Parsloe, Dr. Wagner, Dr. Saunders, Dr. Lauder, Dr. McCulloch, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Noy Leah, Dr. Musgrave, Dr. Cree, Dr. Stamp, jun., Dr. Donbavand, Dr. Style, and Dr. Harston; Drs. Geo. Wilson, Corbett, Saunders, Leah, and Stamp, jun., being non-members of the Association.

Local Provisional Committee.

THE first meeting of the Local Provisional Committee appointed for this Division was held in the Medical Society's Rooms, Plymouth, on Thursday, May 9th. There was a full attendance of members. R. Jaques, F.R.C.S., Chairman of the Division, was elected to the Chairmanship of the Committee, and the Honorary Secretary of the Division, as Secretary, with the proviso that if he found the work of the dual secretaryships too much he should be relieved after June 30th prox.

Rules.—The following rules—to be altered if necessary—were adopted:

1. That the Provisional Committee shall not have power to deal with any other matters than those pertaining to the Act and to the organization of a Public Medical Service.
2. That the South-Western Branch Council, or a committee appointed by it for the purpose, be recognized as the co-ordinating centre, and that the Local Committee shall not enter into any dealings with the authorities under the Act, nor seek recognition from any such authority until it has received the sanction of the Branch Council for so doing.
3. That the Local Provisional Committee shall not apply for the sanction of the Branch Council for the purpose mentioned in Rule 2 until it shall have called a meeting of all registered medical practitioners in the Divisional area and obtained the sanction of the meeting for so doing.
4. That the Provisional Committee shall keep the Branch Council fully informed as to its course of action and the results obtained.
5. That the Committee shall call a meeting of the whole of the registered medical practitioners in the Divisional area within fourteen days of the receipt of a requisition to that effect signed by at least twenty of the registered practitioners in the area, who must also give satisfactory security for the expenses of the meeting.
6. That the Provisional Committee be empowered to call at any time a meeting of all registered practitioners in the district, and to fill vacancies that may occur in the committee.
7. That members are to hold office for one year only.

The Honorary Secretary was instructed to inquire at the central offices as to how the expenses of this committee are to be defrayed.

The representatives of the five sections were then supplied with copies of D 49, pledges, and lists of medical men resident in their respective sections. Some signed pledges were handed in at the meeting.

Defence Fund.—Dr. MCCULLOCH, on behalf of the Devonport section, mentioned that there was a little difficulty as to assuring the holders of club appointments in that section as to financial support in case of loss sustained by loyal action, some of these gentlemen wanting to have written

guarantees. It was pointed out that there would be a general claim against the Defence Fund, but those who failed to become guarantors could hardly expect much support. The Honorary Secretary was requested to seek further information on this point.

A long meeting then terminated.

WEST CORNWALL DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Division was held in two parts—one at the West Cornwall Infirmary, Penzance, on April 22nd, and one at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, on April 23rd. At Penzance Dr. HAUGHTON was in the chair, and there were present fifteen members and one non-member and the Honorary Secretary. At Truro Dr. A. E. PERMEWAN was in the chair, and there were present sixteen members, one visitor, and the Honorary Secretary—total 36.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The report of the Provisional Medical Committee was read and confirmed. The committee reported that Dr. A. E. Permewan had been elected Chairman and Mr. Taylor Honorary Secretary. The following resolutions were agreed to unanimously:

1. That this meeting is prepared to consider the formation of a Public Medical Service, and instructs the Provisional Medical Committee to consider the same and report as soon as possible.
2. That the Division accepts the Branch Council as the co-ordinating body within the Branch area, and that reports be made to it as occasion arises, and that no action be taken without its sanction.
3. That the Provisional Medical Committee has power to add to its numbers if thought necessary for the better representation of all districts.
4. That non-members be asked to nominate one of their number on the Provisional Medical Committee.
5. That the utmost endeavours be made to get the non-members in the Divisional area to join, they being eight in number.

Special Representative Meeting.—The REPRESENTATIVE gave an account of the Representative Meeting at the Guildhall, and stated how and why he had voted, and his action was confirmed.

The Representative and his Practice.—The REPRESENTATIVE aso complained that he had lost patients in consequence of his absence from home while attending the Representative Meeting, and expressed his opinion that while acting for his professional brethren those brethren should protect and not damage his practice. The meeting agreed on this, and the CHAIRMAN at each place spoke strongly on the subject.

Fees for Police.—The HONORARY SECRETARY mentioned the question of fees for the police proposed by the Chief Constable, and was instructed to write that gentleman on the subject.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—EASTERN PROVINCE BRANCH.

AN ordinary meeting of this Branch was held at Grahamstown, at 8 p.m., on April 3rd, in the Branch Library. Dr. A. COWPER was in the chair, and there were present Drs. E. G. Dru Drury, G. E. FitzGerald, E. H. Stale, W. G. Reid, and R. T. Harrison (Honorary Secretary).

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting held on October 27th, 1911, and of the annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Delegates to South African Medical Congress.—Drs. E. G. Dru Drury, and G. E. FitzGerald were elected delegates to the Medical Congress to be held at Johannesburg. They were further empowered to move that the congress should hold its next meeting at Grahamstown. A letter was read from the Transvaal Medical Society embodying resolutions governing the organization of the congress; these were unanimously accepted. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Transvaal Society informing him of this Branch's acceptance.

Rule.—Rule No. 22 of the South African Committee was discussed at some length, and the meeting finally decided that they could not undertake the responsibility of accepting this rule without first taking the feeling of the remaining members by means of a referendum. Dr. Drury and the Secretary were instructed to draw up a statement embodying the rule and to circularize the members asking their acceptance or refusal thereof. The members present were willing to accept.

Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.—The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted. It was further unanimously decided that the surplus from the local subscription account shall be devoted to covering the Branch's deficit of £3 9s. 6d.

Draft Hospital Ordinances.—The draft hospital ordinances were unanimously adopted with addition of amendment No. 1.

Association Notices.

NOTICE OF ALTERATION OF BOUNDARIES OF BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS: FORMATION OF NEW DIVISIONS.

THE following changes have been made in accordance with the Regulations of the Association and take effect from the date of publication of this notice:

1. *Cambridge and Huntingdon, Metropolitan Counties, and South Midland Branches; and Bedford and Herts Division.*

That the portions of Hertfordshire at present contained in the areas of the Cambridge and Huntingdon and South Midland Branches, respectively, be transferred to the area of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and that the areas of these Branches and of the Bedford and Herts (now to be Bedford) Division be modified accordingly.

2. *New East and West Hertfordshire Divisions.*

That there be formed within the area of the county of Hertford, in substitution for the existing Divisions, two new Divisions—the East and West Hertfordshire Divisions—to consist of the portions of the county respectively east and west of a line drawn direct from South Mimms to Luton, the new Divisions to form part of the area of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.

3. *Metropolitan Counties, and Oxford and Reading Branches; and Maidenhead Division.*

That the portion of the county of Middlesex at present contained within the area of the Oxford and Reading Branch be transferred to the area of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and that the areas of these Branches and of the Maidenhead Division be modified accordingly.

4. *Modification of Areas of Existing Divisions in Middlesex: Formation of New Divisions.*

That the county of Middlesex be divided into six Divisions, as follows:

(i) *Ealing:* To consist of the Borough of Ealing, and the urban districts of Hayes, Greenford, Southall Norwood, Hanwell, Acton, Chiswick, and Brentford.

(ii) *Harrow:* To consist of the urban districts of Harrow, Ruislip-Northwood, Uxbridge, Yiewsley, Wealdstone, Wembley and Kingsbury, and the rural districts of Hendon and Uxbridge;

(iii) *Hendon and Finchley:* To consist of the Hendon and Finchley urban districts.

(iv) *North Middlesex:* To consist of the present North Middlesex Division, comprising the borough of Hornsey, the urban districts of Tottenham, Edmonton, Wood Green, Southgate, Friern Barnet and Enfield, and the rural district of South Mimms.

(v) *South Middlesex:* To consist of the urban districts of Feltham, Hampton, Hampton Wick, Heston and Isleworth, Staines, Sunbury on Thames, Teddington, and Twickenham, and the rural district of Staines.

(vi) *Willesden:* To consist of the Willesden urban district;

these Divisions to form part of the area of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, and that the existing Divisional areas be modified accordingly.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held in the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Thursday, May 30th, at 4.30 p.m. Further particulars in circular.—JAS. R. S. ANDERSON, Honorary Secretary, Garlands, Carlisle.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Hotel Mont Dore, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, May 22nd.—FRANK FOWLER, Honorary Secretary, Bournemouth.

DUNDEE BRANCH: DUNDEE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Friday, June 7th.—MARTIN SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

DUNDEE BRANCH: FORFARSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held on Tuesday, June 11th.—MARTIN SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Brentwood on Wednesday, June 19th. Members wishing to read papers or to show cases or specimens should communicate at once with the Secretary for Essex, Dr. B. H. NICHOLSON, East Lodge, Colchester.

EAST YORKSHIRE AND NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Grimsby on Thursday, June 13th. Business: Annual Report and balance sheet. Election of officers. Presidential address.—EDWARD TURTON, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—A special meeting of this Division will be held at the Lion and Railway Hotel, Northwich, on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 4.45 p.m. Business: The addition to the rules of the Altrincham Division—namely, a postal vote of the members may be taken on any important question. The ordinary meeting of the Division will be held at 5 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Apologies for absence. (3) Minutes of last two committee meetings. (4) Questions arising out of minutes. (5) Question of formation of Provisional Medical Committees. (6) Nomination of Dr. Garstang by the Division for election to the Council. (7) Motion by Dr. P. R. Cooper on the fixing of a Minimum Capitation Fee for all contract work. (8) D 49, Supplementary Pledge for signature by members of the profession. (9) Government Inquiry into Patent and Proprietary Medicines. (10) Provisional Agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting. Members are requested to bring SUPPLEMENTS of May 11th and 18th to the meeting. Dinner will be held at 7 p.m. if sufficient members will attend; members intending to dine are asked to communicate with the Honorary Secretary at once.—H. G. COOPER, Honorary Secretary, Foye, Altrincham.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held at the Town Hall, Mare Street, Hackney, on Thursday, May 30th, at 4 p.m.—A. G. SOUTHCOMBE, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LINCOLN DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held in the Guildhall, Lincoln, on Thursday, May 23rd, at 3 p.m. Agenda: (*a*) Election of a Vice-President of the Midland Branch and Divisional officers. (*b*) Presentation of the annual report of the Executive Committee. (*c*) Any other business.—J. S. CHATER, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH: FURNESS DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held on Friday, May 31st, at 3.15 p.m., in the Masonic Hall, Barrow. Business: Annual Report. Election of office-bearers. Insurance Act to date. Any other business.—JOHN LIVINGSTON, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The sixty-eighth annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, at 2.15 p.m., at the Town Hall, Market Square, Bromley. The Council will meet before luncheon at the Town Hall; notice of the time and agenda for this meeting will be sent to members of the Council in due course. Dr. John Scott (President-elect) kindly invites members to luncheon at the Royal Bell Hotel, from 1 to 2 p.m. Agenda (in addition to the business of an ordinary meeting): (1) To receive the report of the Election of Officers for 1912-13, who shall thereupon take office. (2) To receive the annual report of the Council on the affairs of the Branch, and the annual financial statement. (3) To receive the Revised Rules presented by the Council for adoption by the Branch. (A copy of these rules has been sent to members of the Branch; it should be brought to the meeting and preserved for future reference.) (4) To consider the adoption of the Bradford Rules and of Rule Z recommended by the Council as an addition to the Branch Ethical Rules. (5) Any other business decided on by the Council or any other competent business. Rule 10 (*b*) referring to the annual meeting is as follows: "To consider any matter relative to the honour and interests of the medical profession which may be brought before the meeting by the Branch Council or by a Division. No business shall be discussed under this head without notice thereof having been given to the Secretary, at least fourteen days before the meeting, with the terms of any resolution which is intended to be proposed." Tea will be provided during the meeting. No excursion is arranged; the Council considered that urgent business was likely to arise, and that this meeting should be purely for business. The Bromley and County Club courteously offers to make all members of the Branch attending the meeting honorary members for June 19th. There will be an exhibition of instruments, drugs, and electrical appliances at the Royal Bell Hotel, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Bell Hotel at 6.30 p.m.; charge 6s. each. Wine will be provided by the local members. Members intending to be present at the luncheon or dinner are requested to signify their intention to Dr. A. Tennyson Smith, Shanklin, Orpington, Kent, not later than Saturday, June 15th; members wishing hospitality for the night should also communicate with Dr. A. Tennyson Smith.—E. A. STARLING, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SALISBURY DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Infirmary, Salisbury, on Wednesday, May 29th, at 8.15 p.m. Members who wish to read papers or to introduce any business before the Division are requested to communicate with the Acting Secretary as soon as possible.—J. E. GORDON, Honorary Secretary, Salisbury.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—This Branch will hold its annual meeting at Aylesbury on June 6th, under the presidency of Dr. J. C. Baker, at the Board Room, Royal Bucks Hospital, at 2.30. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Letters, etc. (3) New members elected by Branch Council. (4) President's address. (5) Mr. James Berry, F.R.C.S.: Address on Tumours of Bone, with Special Reference to Diagnosis (illustrated by museum specimens and skiagrams). Before the meeting a short meeting of Branch Council will be held. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Letters. (3) Election of new member. (4) Place and time of autumnal meeting. The President invites all members to luncheon at the George Hotel at 1.15 p.m.; any member intending to accept this invitation is requested to let the President know not later than Monday, June 3rd.—E. HARRIES-JONES, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Royal Bucks Hospital on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 3 p.m. The Committee has decided to invite every medical man resident in the area of the Division to this meeting in order that, after the ordinary business is concluded, a Provisional Local Medical Committee may be elected to safeguard the interests of the profession in connexion with the Insurance Act. It is suggested that the Executive Committee of the Division should form the nucleus of this Committee; that the Division be mapped out into six districts; and that the medical men resident in each district be invited to select 20 per cent. of their number to serve. (A list of the districts and the medical men resident in each has been forwarded to members of the Division.) It would be a good plan for a meeting to be called locally to carry this out, but if this is not done those present at the meeting on the 22nd must be prepared to nominate suitable men. As this Provisional Local Medical Committee will have most important functions, and will, if the medical benefits are administered as the Act intends, be the medium of negotiations with the Local Health Committee, it is hoped that those elected will have the full confidence of their brother practitioners. No distinction will be made as to whether the medical man is a member of the Association or not. This is a matter in which the whole profession is concerned. But it is hoped that every one will contribute towards the Defence Fund.—ARTHUR E. LARKING, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held in the Boardroom of the Northampton General Hospital at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30th. The meeting will be preceded by a luncheon at Franklin's Restaurant, Guildhall Road, Northampton, at 1.30; all members wishing to attend the luncheon should kindly inform the Honorary Secretary at least two days beforehand. Business: Minutes of preceding meeting. Annual report of Division. Election of officers. Consideration of Provisional Agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting (members should bring the SUPPLEMENTS of May 11th and 18th with them). Report from the Provisional Medical Advisory Committee. If time permits some clinical cases will be shown.—PEVERELL S. HICHENS, Honorary Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—A special meeting of the Division will be held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on May 20th. Supper, 2s. 6d. each, at 7.45. Meeting at 8.30. Business: To consider the following alterations in the rules of the Division: (1) That Rule 4 be amended to read as follows: "The management of the affairs of the Division shall be vested in an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the officers named in Rule 5, together with the members of the Branch Council elected by the Division, the Representative of the Division in Representative Meetings of the Association and six other members elected in the manner prescribed in Rule 9, with the President-elect, President, or immediate Past-President of the Branch, whichever is a member of the Division *ex officio*. (2) That in Rule 9 the word "six" be inserted for "three." (3) Rule 10. That the quorum of the Executive shall be four. (4) Rule 11. That seven days be substituted for ten days in line 2. That after the words "A meeting called the annual meeting of the Division shall be held in the month of May in each year, not less than" "seven days" be substituted for "four weeks."

The annual meeting of the Division will be held on the same date immediately after the special meeting. Business: (1) Election of officers, except Representative in Representative Meetings. (Members are requested to bring the list of nominations to the meeting with them.) (2) Provisional Local Medical Committee for Staffordshire and for Wolverhampton.—H. C. MACTIER, Honorary Secretary, 33, Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

National Insurance.

MEETING OF THE JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE first meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Joint Committee of Insurance Commissioners was held at the Foreign Office on Friday, May 10th, at 11 a.m. There was a large attendance of members; during the session of the whole Committee reporters were present.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, who presided, was accompanied by Mr. Masterman, M.P., Chairman of the Joint Committee of Insurance Commissioners, Sir Robert Morant, Chairman of the Board of Insurance Commissioners for England, and by other Insurance Commissioners.

FUNCTION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The Advisory Committees are appointed to advise and assist the several bodies of Insurance Commissioners in making and altering Regulations under the Act, Part I, "National Health Insurance." The number of subjects with regard to which the Insurance Commissioners must make Regulations is very large, and, though many draft sets have been issued, they deal chiefly with the working of the Insurance Boards themselves, and with the conditions to be fulfilled by societies desiring to become approved. The majority of these have been issued by the Joint Committee of Insurance Commissioners, and a good many other subjects remain to be dealt with in this manner.

On certain other matters Regulations are to be made by the Joint Committee acting jointly with the several bodies of National Commissioners. Included in this category are the Regulations to be made under the first five subsections of Section 15, which deals with Medical Benefit, including medical attendance and treatment, the supply of drugs, and certain other related matters, and the Regulations to be made under Section 62, which provides for the recognition of local Medical Committees.

Regulations as to certain other matters will be made by the several National Boards of Insurance Commissioners acting alone. Among matters to be so dealt with are all those regulating the supply of medical and surgical instruments, expenditure for purposes of research, in relation at present only to tuberculosis (Section 16 (2)), and the recovery, as part of maternity benefit under Section 18 (1) of the Insurance Act, of the fee of a medical practitioner summoned in pursuance of the rules made under the Midwives Act, 1902. The section gives the woman the right to decide whether she shall be attended by a duly qualified medical practitioner or a duly certified midwife, and provides that, should she choose the second alternative,

> if . . . a duly qualified medical practitioner is subsequently summoned in pursuance of the rules made under the Midwives Act, 1902, the prescribed fee shall, subject to regulations made by the Insurance Commissioners, be recoverable as part of the maternity benefit.

The National Boards of Insurance Commissioners will make regulations also with regard to subscriptions or donations granted by an approved society or Insurance Committee to hospitals, dispensaries, and other charitable institutions, or for the support of district nurses, and as to their power to appoint nurses to visit and nurse insured persons. The same National Boards will make regulations under Section 47 to apply to cases in which the employer pays full wages during periods of disease or disablement, under Section 59 as to the manner of appointment of Insurance Committees and District Insurance Committees and as to combinations of Insurance Committees, under Section 60 as to the reports on the health of insured persons to be made by the Insurance Committees to the Insurance Commissioners, and under Section 63 as to inquiries into causes of the alleged prevalence of excessive sickness and as to the recoupment of expenditure by an Insurance Committee in consequence of such excessive sickness.

SPEECH BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE opened the proceedings with a speech in which, after reading the sections of the Insurance Act providing for the appointment of the Committee, he said that its functions were not administrative or executive, but had an important advisory character. The provisions of the Act, he said, were now the law of the land, and that meant that until the Act was altered or repealed it was the duty of every loyal citizen to obey it and to assist in its administration as he would in that of any other statute. That was the only basis on which a civilized community could be held together, and the only conceivable exception was some great question vitally affecting human liberty and conscience.

The Act was a new experiment, and, like other new experiments, had been subjected to a good deal of criticism; only experience could prove how much of that criticism was well founded. Like all human machinery, the Act must have its defects, but so far they had not been revealed during the large amount of preliminary administrative work which had been done; when discovered, he doubted not that they would be of a very different character from anything anticipated, and the remedy different from anything that had been proposed. Amendment or alteration might be made in the future, but two features would, he felt confident, remain unaltered—one was the compulsory contribution by employers and employed subsidized by the State, a principle accepted by all the great parties in the land; the other was the general character of the benefits proposed. Both these matters vitally affected the functions of the Committee. The aggregate membership of benefit societies engaged in the work of sickness for the working population of this country was something over 7,000,000. The membership of societies engaged in providing benefits for unemployment numbered over 1,000,000, and coming to those which were providing death benefits, he thought the total number of policies of an industrial character that had been issued reached over 36,000,000. These figures gave an idea of how all-pervading these great organizations were, and that was why, in framing the Act, it was decided that it would be best to utilize these organizations for carrying out the work. Up to the present societies engaged in sickness insurance whose members aggregated a little over 6,000,000, and societies whose aggregate death policies numbered 36,000,000, had intimated their intention to utilize their machinery for the purpose of working the Act. They had already applied for approval as societies under the Act, they were engaged in canvassing and organizing amongst those who would be the subjects of the Act, and they were busy adapting their rules and formulating schemes for reserves and for alternative benefits. In all parts of the country a course of lectures had been arranged by the Commissioners, primarily for the purpose of instructing and assisting the officials of these organizations in putting the Act in operation, and 13,000 of these officials had attended these lectures. It was the general desire that most of those compulsory insured should become members of approved societies rather than Post Office contributors. It was a mistake to assume, as had been done, that every insured person must be a member of an approved society on July 15th next, when the Act came into operation, or otherwise become a Post Office contributor. There would be at least three months after July 15th, during which any insured person could join an approved society, but it was in the interests of the employers, of the workmen, and generally of the smooth working of the Act, that as many as possible should join approved societies before July 15th. The society that was first in the field would naturally have an advantage over other societies; and with regard to the employers, it was an undoubted advantage that they should have as many of their workmen as possible members of some society or other, because those societies would look after their members and supply them with cards, and the members would come on the first pay-day to the employer with the cards in their possession and present them at the pay office. The employer would also

be enabled to sift his workmen, and to leave out those who were exempt under the provisions of the Act, because an approved society would assist him in that process before the first day of deduction came.

He divided the business before the Committee into those matters which required attention before July 15th and those not so pressing because they do not come into operation before January 1st, 1913. The questions requiring attention before July 15th were those affecting, directly or indirectly, the payment of contributions and involving the drafting of regulations, in reference to the payment and collection of contributions, the account books of societies, and administration expenses; also draft regulations with regard to employers and workpeople, more especially in regard to trades where it was the custom for work to be carried on through intermediate employers as subcontractors, and cases where there was more than one employer. He therefore proposed that the Committee should divide into two sections, one consisting of those directly interested in the question of contributions and the other of those chiefly concerned with medical benefits.

DIVISION OF THE COMMITTEE INTO TWO SECTIONS.

In reply to one of the representatives of the midwives, Mr. LLOYD GEORGE said that he did not see how the question of medical benefit could be discussed without some reference to maternity.

Mr. A. H. WARREN, Vice-President of the National Conference of Friendly Societies, asked whether the deliberations of each section of the Committee would be submitted to the whole.

Mr. LLOYD GEORGE said that Mr. Warren was evidently thinking of medical benefit, and desired to know whether what was done as to that would be submitted to the whole body. He agreed that when that section did arrive at some sort of recommendation it would be desirable to submit the consideration of the subject to the whole Committee.

Mr. WALTER DAVIES, President of the National Conference of Friendly Societies, said that they were in the difficulty that some were anxious to take part in both discussions.

In reply Mr. LLOYD GEORGE indicated that the section chiefly concerned with medical benefit could not that day go beyond the discussion of the method of procedure.

The Committee then separated into two sections, some of the representatives of friendly societies remaining with the other section, which may for convenience be called the medical section. At this stage reporters were requested to withdraw.

MEDICAL BENEFIT.

As has been reported in the public press, Mr. Lloyd George remained with the medical members and those representatives of the friendly societies who preferred to remain to discuss the important question of medical benefits.

In some opening remarks the CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER spoke of the great importance of this subject. He pointed out that the Committee was not a negotiating but an advisory committee, and any negotiations with the medical profession would have to be undertaken after the Advisory Committee had come to conclusions. The two questions that would have to be discussed were the definition of the duties of the doctors and the remuneration to be given for the performance of these duties. All that he hoped the Committee could accomplish that day was to decide upon the question of procedure. He said, further, that for the present no draft regulations were to be submitted, though he would be glad to know what views the Committee had on the subject. He was convinced that the insured person ought to get the best possible medical attendance, and that the medical profession should be honourably treated.

Sir ROBERT MORANT intimated that a subcommittee of Commissioners had been appointed to collect facts on the subject of the remuneration of doctors.

Dr. SMITH WHITAKER went over Section 15 of the Act in some detail, and it was announced that the paper from which he spoke would be circulated among the members. Dr. Whitaker also stated that points for discussion at the next meeting would be in the hands of the Committee prior to that meeting.

There was some general discussion on questions of procedure, during the course of which it appeared that the Insurance Commissioners were themselves making inquiries with regard to remuneration received in the past by the profession for medical services rendered to patients of the class likely to be insured. Soon after one o'clock this portion of the Advisory Committee adjourned until Friday, May 17th.

A meeting of the English Advisory Committee was summoned for the following day, Saturday, May 11th, but the contributory section of the Joint Advisory Committee found it impossible to finish its work on Friday. The business left over was of a nature which the English Advisory Committee would have to consider, and it was therefore agreed that the two bodies should sit together on Saturday morning. The medical members of the English Advisory Committee were advised that the business to be taken on this day would not include matters of medical interest, and the majority, therefore, did not attend the meeting on Saturday.

NOTICE BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

"At the opening meeting on Friday, the 10th instant, of the Advisory Committee appointed under the National Insurance Act, 1911, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that a Subcommittee had been appointed by the Commissioners whose duty it would be to investigate and collect information as to the conditions of remuneration prevailing in general medical practice throughout the United Kingdom.

"The Commissioners desire it to be known generally that they will welcome information or representations from medical or other associations or persons who are prepared to submit statements of fact or to tender evidence on this question which may assist the Subcommittee in their investigations.

"Concurrently with the consideration of the special question of remuneration by the above-mentioned Subcommittee the Commissioners will consider, in conjunction with the Advisory Committee, the Regulations required to be framed for the general administration of medical benefit under the Act; and they will be glad to receive information from any persons who may be in a position to supply it as to local conditions of practice which may be of service to the Commissioners in framing the Regulations.

"All communications should be addressed to the Secretary, Subcommittee on Medical Benefits, Wellington House, Buckingham Gate, S.W."

PROVISIONAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES.

Deptford.

THE Provisional Committee met on Thursday, May 9th, at 91, Breakspears Road, Dr. C. J. PARKE being in the chair. Since the last meeting a personal canvass had been carried out by the members of the Committee in a very thorough and enthusiastic manner, and the report arrived at was as follows:

Practitioners in the borough	61
Members of the Association	53
Signed the first undertaking	60
Contributed to the Guarantee Fund ...	45
Signed the pledge *re* "contract practice" ...	59
Number in contract practice	33
Signed the resignation forms	33
In hospital practice	6

Several of those who have not yet contributed to the Guarantee Fund have promised and will probably do so.

Of the 6 in hospital practice, 5 have signed the pledge, the sixth wishes to consult his colleagues on the staff of the hospital to which he is attached, but this hospital is not in the borough. The remaining practitioner who has not yet signed the pledge is away from home and the form will be sent to him, which he has promised to sign. Of the 33 in contract practice it is satisfactory to note all have signed the resignation forms, some resigning as many as 13 appointments. It was decided to print a report of the work of the Committee and to send a copy to all practitioners in Deptford, and to all Secretaries of Divisions in London. The Honorary Secretary of the Committee is W. H. Payne, M.D., 8, Vesta Road, Brockley, S.E.

Lewisham.

A general meeting of the medical profession resident in the metropolitan borough of Lewisham was held on Thursday, May 9th, at the Co-operative Hall, Catford, Dr. WILSON (Forest Hill) in the chair.

The policy of the British Medical Association with reference to the National Pledge was unanimously endorsed. Eighty signatures to the pledge were obtained, and arrangements made to secure the remaining twenty-four of those actually practising in the borough.

The meeting decided to issue a list of medical practitioners resident and practising in the borough, indicating those who are members of the British Medical Association who have signed the undertaking and pledge, with further particulars as to the Central Insurance Defence Fund, etc.

Consideration of the scheme for a Public Medical Service was deferred until the draft scheme is issued from the British Medical Association.

Shoreditch.

A meeting of the Shoreditch Medico-Ethical Society was held on Thursday, May 9th, at 9.30 p.m., at Balfour Hall, Kingsland Road. The PRESIDENT, Dr. Major Greenwood, was in the chair, and, with the exception of two or three, every practitioner in the Borough of Shoreditch was present.

Drs. CHETWOOD and PORTER, the borough representatives on the Provisional Committee, briefly reported what had taken place at the first meeting of that committee, and pointed out that the chief matter under consideration was the placing resignations of all friendly society appointments in the hands of the State Sickness Insurance Committee and the formation of a suitable Guarantee Fund, and that they had been appointed to canvass all practitioners in their area with that object.

The CHAIRMAN said that the former proposal presented great difficulties in districts like their own, and would require grave consideration. If the proposal were adopted by the great majority of the practitioners, it would be practically safe, and no use would be made of the resignations unless an overwhelming number were obtained. He hoped all would be prepared to make sacrifices for the common good. With regard to the Guarantee Fund, all could do something, and it was desirable that a great effort should be made. It must be understood that the object of the Fund was not to compensate all losses caused by this mischievous Act—that would be impossible—but only such as were brought about entirely by loyalty to the wishes of the profession as decided by the Central Committee.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Drs. GARRETT, ROE, BURROUGHS, SPEED, CHETWOOD, PORTER, and SOUTHCOMBE.

Woolwich.

At a meeting of medical men practising in the Borough of Woolwich, held at the old Town Hall, Woolwich, on Tuesday, April 30th, the following Provisional Medical Committee was formed:

Members of British Medical Association.—Woolwich: Drs. Brews, Cowie, Hirsch, and Williamson. Plumstead: Drs. J. L. Clarke, Gray Duncanson, Holmes, Lurgow, Mair, Wise. Eltham: Drs. Sandford Smith, St. John, and Thompson.

Non-member of British Medical Association.—Dr. Lynn.

East Yorkshire.

A meeting of the medical profession in the area of the East Yorkshire Division was held in the Etherington Ward at the Royal Hull Infirmary, on Friday, May 10th, at 3.30 p.m. The attendance was ninety. Dr. J. MACNIDDER, the Chairman of the East Yorkshire Division, was voted to the chair, and Dr. Turton undertook the duties of honorary secretary. The following recommendations of the Executive Committee were discussed and carried:

1. That a Local Provisional Medical Committee be formed for the area of the East Yorkshire Division of the British Medical Association on the lines of the Memorandum D46 of the State Sickness Insurance Committee.
2. That the Committee consist of four *ex officio* members, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Representative of the Division at Representative Meetings, and the Honorary Secretary of the East Yorkshire Division of the British Medical Association; ten members to be elected by the practitioners in the county borough of Hull and Hessle, Cottingham and Sutton, of whom one shall be a qualified medical woman and one non-member of the British Medical Association; eight members to be elected by the practitioners in the rest of East Yorkshire in the Division area. In addition the Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than four additional members.
3. That Subcommittees be formed for the following sub-areas:

   (*a*) Hull, including Hessle, Cottingham, and Sutton.
   (*b*) Beverley.
   (*c*) Driffield and Bridlington.
   (*d*) Holderness, including Hornsea, Withernsea, and Patrington.
   (*e*) Howden, including Market Weighton, Brough, and North and South Caves.

   The Subcommittees will consist of every medical practitioner in the sub-area.
4. That the members of each subcommittee shall elect representatives from amongst their own members to represent them on the Local Provisional Medical Committee; that the representation shall be as follows:

   For the sub-area (*a*) Hull, etc., ten members, of whom one shall be a qualified medical woman and one a non-member of the British Medical Association.
   For the sub-area (*b*) Beverley, one member.
   For the sub-area (*c*) Driffield and Bridlington, two members for Bridlington and one for Driffield.
   For the sub-area (*d*) Holderness, two members.
   For the sub-area (*e*) Howden, etc., two members.
5. That the Local Provisional Medical Committee shall elect its own officers, to consist of a chairman, deputy chairman, secretary, and treasurer, etc.
6. That the Branch Council of the East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire Branch of the British Medical Association, as being the body directly responsible to and in close touch with the Central Council of the British Medical Association, be recognized as the co-ordinating body for that area, to which reports of progress shall from time to time be made.
7. That the Local Provisional Medical Committee shall not enter into dealings with any authorities under the Insurance Act until it shall have received the sanction of the above Branch Council for so doing.
8. That the duties of the Local Provisional Committee shall be those outlined in the Memoranda D46, D48, and D49 of the State Sickness Insurance Committee.
9. It was resolved that the members of the Committee be elected by specially summoned meetings of the members of each sub-area.

At a meeting of the Hull sub-area held subsequently the following eight members were chosen to represent that sub-area on the Local Provisional Insurance Committee: Messrs. E. H. Howlett, F. Nicholson, D. H. Davy, G. W. Lilley, O. L. Appleton, C. H. Milburn, J. Divine, T. Cameron, F. F. Walton, and Miss Townend.

The Holderness sub-area elected Messrs. H. D. Johns and R. C. Field.

The Howden sub-area elected Messrs. J. E. Gains and H. W. Crawford, and the Beverley sub-area Dr. George Savege.

The first meeting of the Local Provisional Medical Committee is to be held in the Board Room of the Hull Royal Infirmary on Tuesday, May 21st, at 4 p.m.

Edinburgh.

A meeting of the medical profession in Edinburgh was held on Thursday, May 9th, in Gartshore Hall. Billets had been issued to all members in the Edinburgh insurance area. Ninety-nine members attended. Dr. JAMES RITCHIE was called to the chair.

Apologies for non-attendance were intimated from Sir Thomas R. Fraser, Drs. Byrom Bramwell, McKenzie Johnston, Norman Walker, A. Walker, Watson Wemyss, P. B. Cousland, and Knight.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the meeting had been called by the instructions of the British Medical Association and the Scottish Medical Insurance Council, that it was intended to form a provisional, not a statutory, local committee, and indicated the necessity for its formation.

Before proceeding to the election of a committee the question was raised whether medical members of the Advisory Committee would be eligible for nomination as members. This was voted upon by the meeting, when 26 voted for and 46 against the motion.

A list of suggested names had been prepared by the executives of the Edinburgh and Leith Medical Practitioners' Association and the Edinburgh and Leith Division of the British Medical Association. These had

been printed and distributed to those attending the meeting, and, with two alterations, received a very large majority of the votes in the meeting.

Five Consulting Physicians.—Drs. J. W. Ballantyne, G. A. Gibson, G. L. Gulland, R. W. Philip, D. Chalmers Watson.

Five Consulting Surgeons.—Messrs. L. Beeseley, E. Scott Carmichael, C. W. Cathcart, J. W. Dowden, A. Logan Turner.

Seventeen Practitioners.—Drs. E. F. Armour, J. M. Bowie, Jas. Carmichael, John Cumming, Michael Dewar, R. A. Lundie, A. M. M'Intosh, John M'Laren, John Orr, G. Keppie Paterson, Jas. Ritchie, R. Robertson, A. T. Sloan, Jas. Smith, J. Stevens, R. Thin, H. Torrance Thomson.

Two Practitioners from Portobello.—Drs. J. H. Balfour, L. F. Bianchi.

Two Women Practitioners.—Drs. Elsie M. Inglis, Isabel Venters.

Six Non-members of the British Medical Association.—Consulting Physician, Dr. J. S. Fowler; Surgeon, Sir Joseph Fayrer; Practitioners, Drs. W. B. Alexander, W. S. M. Brown, R. R. Richardson, J. W. L. Spence.

Total ... ... 37.

The Committee was given power to co-opt three members for any special purpose. Powers were also given to the Committee to substitute other members for any not accepting office.

The CHAIRMAN made an appeal for all to join the British Medical Association who were not already members of it, and also for the guarantee and defence funds.

The quorum of the Committee was fixed at 18.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Chairman.

South Glasgow.

At a meeting of practitioners resident in South Glasgow, held on April 19th, it was decided to form a Provisional Medical Committee for that area. As a result of the poll arranged for at the meeting and conducted by post, the following have been elected: Drs. Drever, Eben. Duncan, Gardner, Lawson, Leitch, Leask, A. M'Crorie, Reden, A. Rankin, Robertson, Stewart, and Wauchope.

At a meeting of the committee on May 8th Dr. Duncan was appointed Chairman, Dr. Robertson Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Drever Secretary.

It was decided to proceed at once in the matter of obtaining signatures to the Pledge.

Roxburghshire.

The first meeting of the Provisional Medical Insurance Committee for Roxburghshire was held at Newton St. Boswells on May 8th. The meeting was summoned by circular issued to all medical practitioners within the county by Dr. M. J. Oliver, representative for the county on the Scottish Medical Insurance Council. Fourteen, or 50 per cent. of the practitioners in the county, were present. It was unanimously resolved that all practitioners resident within the county be members of the Committee.

Executive Committee.—Dr. W. L. Cullen, St. Boswells, was elected Chairman, and Dr. M. J. Oliver, St. Boswells, Secretary. In addition to the Chairman and Secretary the following were elected to form an executive committee: Dr. Blair (Jedburgh), Dr. Fleming (Kelso), Dr. Bannerman (Hawick), Dr. Evans (Newcastleton).

Club Appointments.—The SECRETARY stated that every medical man within the county had signed the undertaking of the British Medical Association. Every man in practice, with one exception, had contributed to the defence funds. Every medical man holding club appointments had undertaken to resign them on the termination of his contract when such collective action is decided on by the Medical Insurance Committee. Every medical practitioner had undertaken not to accept club appointments except with the consent of the same committee.

Defence Funds.—Twenty-seven medical men had guaranteed sums to the defence funds, the total sum guaranteed to date being £334 10s. On the motion of Dr. DAVIDSON, of Hawick, seconded by Dr. BANNERMAN, it was unanimously resolved that another appeal be made by circular, with the object of increasing the amount guaranteed to the Branch fund.

County Medical Service.—It was decided that the Chairman and Secretary should prepare such a scheme for a county medical service as they considered suitable to the conditions of practice within the county, and that it should be submitted to others for criticism, with a view to discussion of details at a future meeting.

Letter from Scottish Medical Insurance Council.—A letter from the Scottish Medical Insurance Council was read regarding the medical examination of applicants for admission to societies for benefits under the Insurance Act, and it was resolved that in cases where a practitioner is not bound to make the examination under terms of his contract with existing societies, every member of the professionin Roxburghshire should decline to make any such examination for a fee less than 2s. 6d.

SCOTTISH MEDICAL INSURANCE COUNCIL.

THE Scottish Medical Insurance Council has issued to every member of the medical profession in Scotland a narrative of the first meeting of the Scottish Medical Insurance Council, a report of which was published in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of April 20th, p. 401.

In doing this the Council makes an appeal to every medical man in Scotland to be loyal to the Provisional Medical Committee of his insurance area, and to enter into no negotiations or arrangements with regard to contract practice of any kind without the approval of his local medical committee.

The Council has also issued a leaflet dealing with free choice of doctor, freedom from friendly society control, and suitable remuneration, pointing out the logical sequences of these cardinal principles, and in particular stating that every doctor must steadfastly decline to listen to personal and individual proposals.

HOSPITALS AND THE INSURANCE ACT.

ON May 8th Mr. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN presided over a conference of representatives of Midland voluntary hospitals at the General Hospital, Birmingham. Fifty-nine representatives of the following hospitals were present:

Birmingham General Hospital, Queen's Hospital, Children's Hospital, Eye Hospital, Ear and Throat Hospital, Orthopaedic Hospital, Skin and Urinary Hospital, Homoeopathic Hospital, Women's Hospital, Dental Hospital and General Dispensary; Wolverhampton General Hospital, Women's Hospital and Eye Hospital; Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Warneford and Leamington Hospital, Rugby Hospital of St. Cross, Guest Hospital (Dudley), West Bromwich District Hospital, Walsall and District Hospital, Corbett Hospital (Stourbridge), Stratford-on-Avon Hospital, Salop Infirmary (Shrewsbury), North Staffordshire Infirmary, Kidderminster Infirmary, Nottingham Children's Hospital and Samaritan Hospital for Women, Smallwood Hospital (Redditch), Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Cheltenham General Hospital, Worcester General Infirmary and Ophthalmic Hospital.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That in the opinion of this conference it is desirable that as soon as the benefits of the Insurance Act come into operation, and provided that arrangements are made with the medical profession for adequate medical attendance outside the hospitals—

(*a*) Insured persons applying for treatment in the out-patient departments of voluntary hospitals—

1. Should receive "first aid" only when they meet with accidents or are in such acute medical or surgical conditions as require immediate help and are unable to obtain access to their own doctors, or, in the case of a ticket hospital, when they come to the hospital with an out-patient note.
2. Should receive treatment only when the treatment be of such a special nature that it cannot be carried out elsewhere than at the hospital.
3. Should obtain a second opinion only on the recommendation of a medical officer on the panel.

(*b*) In the case of insured persons admitted as in-patients a claim for subscriptions or donations should be made on behalf of the hospital to the approved society of the local Insurance Committee, except where, in the case of a ticket hospital (should the management so decide), an in-patient ticket, such as may be required by the regulations of the hospital, has been produced.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTION.

DR. J. STAVELEY DICK (Manchester) writes: I have just received the election addresses of two candidates for the Council. They say they are the nominees of the National Medical Union. I had almost forgotten the existence of this organization. I admitted in a previous communication some months ago that Dr. Helme's strong lead and personal influence did good last year. I seriously question the wisdom, however, of maintaining an organization of this sort. My feeling is that it can only succeed in perpetuating a certain undercurrent of bickering and dissension in our ranks at a crisis when it is of vital importance that we should not merely present a united front but also be, in fact, loyally and whole-heartedly united amongst ourselves.

However, these two gentlemen are also members of the Association, and as such are entitled to have their claims to represent Lancashire in the Council fairly considered.

One candidate "justifies his candidature" by saying that "this Act would never have become law had it not been for the feeble and almost suicidal action of the present Council." The other candidate justifies his candidature on the ground that he will, if elected, "place the profession on a sound financial basis, consonant alike with what is its due and with its honour, integrity, and power for good." I think if we were at all assured in our own minds that this gentleman's power for good were on all-fours with his good intentions, there would be no question as to the propriety of returning him at the head of the poll.

I do not for a moment question Dr. Reynolds's good intentions, and I certainly do not question Dr. O'Sullivan's. Indeed, I thought the latter put up a very spirited and sportsmanlike fight at the last Representative Meeting.

But, while this is true, I cannot help asking myself what these gentlemen have done in the past which establishes a presumption that their deeds would correspond with their present somewhat extravagant words.

I confess, from personal observations, I do not think it likely that these two gentlemen would succeed where Mr. Verrall, Dr. Macdonald, and Sir Victor Horsley have failed, and I do not feel reassured by their protestations.

In conclusion, I should, in this connexion, like to direct attention to Appendix II of the Annual Report of Council (SUPPLEMENT, May 11th, p. 468). I think the time has come when private members of the Association should understand what an enormous amount of work has been done by the Council and other honorary officials during the last three years. They should understand that the work has not only been done without payment, but that it has involved out-of-pocket expenses on the part of these officials to the tune of at least £2,000 per annum.

And now we are told by the National Medical Union that these officials approved of the medical provisions of the Act! A really tragic instance of the length to which prejudice and wilful blindness may lead otherwise sane and competent men. A comic element is, however, introduced in the suggestion that the "strong action" of the British Medical Association is really due to this Union.

Unless we have in future a better appreciation of the difficulties and sacrifices of men who have been doing their best in the interests of their profession at every stage of this very responsible and serious business, I fear the work of the Association, and consequently the interests of the profession, must suffer.

THE CHEMISTS AND THE DOCTORS.

DR. HENRY WAITE (Armley, Leeds) writes: I see that the chemists are objecting to the doctors dispensing. I sincerely hope this will be left to the discretion of the general practitioner, for though we all would be glad to do away with all surgery drudgery, it has its advantages, and we have to do it for our private patients so long as any are left to us. If the chemists are going to do the dispensing and we are not, it means the patients will have prescriptions given to them. Now to give a prescription is to part with a valuable asset in many cases. A particular prescription may represent years of experience, much thorough therapeutic and chemical knowledge, and much adaptation. I know there are many such which have built up the reputation of certain men for certain complaints. Once the prescription has been given to the patient without any safeguard he may copy it, or have it repeated for a friend who, please remember, may not be on your list. We should have some protection such as they have abroad, where it is illegal to repeat a prescription unless it is endorsed by the giver. Again, will the chemist engage to keep in stock the hundred-and-one specialities of the leading druggists—specialities which many of us have got used to, and which we have found by years of experience to be the best and the most acceptable preparation, from a pharmaceutical point of view? These are some of the many points which occur to one, and which must be watched before general practice is butchered to make a politician's holiday.

A PLEA FOR UNITY.

MR. FRANCIS HEATHERLEY, M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng. (Rock Ferry), writes: Dr. James Ratcliff-Gaylard is right in saying in your issue of May 11th that the National Medical Union has done good work in stimulating the profession to a recognition of its dangers. But he misses the point when, in continuation, he says that its work has been to stiffen the backbone of the profession. The backbone of the profession requires no stiffening. As a member of the National Medical Union I consider that the good we have done lies in having opened the eyes of the executive of the British Medical Association to the errors of their policy in the past. This has been done by fearless criticism, regardless of unity, regardless of personal friendship—in fact, regardless of everything except the interest of the profession as a whole.

Far from agreeing with Dr. Ratcliff-Gaylard that the National Medical Union has outlived its usefulness, I believe that it is doing its duty now by urging members to replace in the coming election to the Council those members of that august body who have shown weakness or too great suppleness of backbone. Although the work of elimination is an unpleasant task, it should be done regardless of personal friendships; and, as regards the powerful Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, I appeal to my fellow general practitioners to see to it that neither Mr. Larkin nor Dr. J. H. Taylor are returned. Had we possessed more representatives of the type of Dr. Major Greenwood on the Council we should have been saved much humiliation and anxiety. The present crisis is full of interest.

I am wondering what process of reasoning could have induced a large number of Liverpool consultants, headed by Dr. Bradshaw, to applaud Mr. Larkin when at a recent Divisional meeting he not only admitted voting for the Smith Whitaker resolution, but said he would act similarly in the future should occasion arise.

I am wondering how Dr. Ratcliff-Gaylard reconciles his lofty patriotism with the fact that at the mass meeting of doctors in Liverpool on May 2nd he voted against a resolution affirming our adhesion to the seven cardinal points and pledging ourselves to support the British Medical Association and the National Medical Union.

I am wondering how it comes about that no mention of this meeting, which was attended by 200 medical men, is to be found in our JOURNAL, although it was fully reported by all the leading papers in the country, and yet that a meeting held at Hampstead on May 3rd, and attended by fourteen members, gets a column devoted to its proceedings.

I wonder how it is that as a Radical I can get no letter criticizing the Insurance Act published in any Liberal newspaper; and, lastly, I am wondering whether this letter will be crowded out of your columns until such time as will make it of no use in influencing any votes in the coming election to the Council of the British Medical Association.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF HOSPITALS AND FLEETS J. FISHER has been awarded the good service pension of £100 a year in the vacancy created by the death of Sir James Jenkins.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

The undermentioned gentleman has been appointed Surgeon: THOMAS TURNER, M.B., dated April 24th, 1912.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. B. BURT, from Dublin, has joined the London District for duty on the Army Medical Advisory Board.

Major C. B. MARTIN, from the Southern Command, has been transferred to Cahir for duty.

The date of promotion of Major HAROLD H. NORMAN, M.B., is July 21st, 1911, and not as stated in the *Gazette* of August 4th, 1911.

Captain G. F. RUGG has been appointed as a Specialist in Advanced Operative Surgery, First (Peshawur) Division.

Captain E. G. ANTHONISZ, from Cannanore, has been appointed to Belfast for duty from May 16th.

Captain J. B. HANAFIN (Peshawur) has been granted six months' general leave.

Captain T. F. RITCHIE, from West Africa, has joined the London District for duty.

Captain C. R. MILLAR, from West Africa, has joined the London District for duty.

Lieutenant THOMAS E. OSMOND, from the seconded list, is restored to the Establishment, dated April 1st, 1912.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

TREFFRY OWEN THOMPSON, late Cadet, Oxford University Contingent, to be Lieutenant on probation, dated March 13th, 1912.

ARTHUR JAMES BROWN to be Lieutenant on probation, dated March 29th, 1912.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

MAJOR H. F. K. BAMFIELD has been granted furlough for one year.

Major J. H. HUGO, D.S.O., an Agency Surgeon of the 2nd class, is granted privilege leave for two months and eighteen days, combined with furlough for one year.

Major R. H. MADDOX, M.B., has been appointed Civil Surgeon of Goya, with effect from the date of his taking over charge.

Major H. BENNETT, M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S.E., to act as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner for the Sind Registration District, in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Major W. O'S. Murphy, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Major HUNT becomes Agency Surgeon, Bundelkhand, vice Major Hugo, on leave.

The services of Captain A. KNOWLES have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India, Education Department, for employment in the Bacteriological Department.

Captain J. MASSON, M.B., has been appointed Civil Surgeon of Darbhanga.

Captain G. F. I. HARKNESS has been appointed to act as Civil Surgeon, Sukkur, with effect from March 1st, 1912, vice Major C. R. Bakhle, who has been deputed to attend the class in clinical bacteriology at Kassauli.

Captain S. W. JONES to do duty at Yeravda Central Prison temporarily under the order of the Superintendent of the Prison.

The services of Captain F. C. FRASER are replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Home Department, with effect from March 25th, 1912.

Captain C. H. FLEMING joins the Gaol Department in Burma.

Lieutenant JOHN GLENDINNING BRYDEN SHAND, M.B., to be Captain, dated January 30th, 1912.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

COLONEL DE BURGH BIRCH, C.B., M.D., on vacating the appointment of Assistant Director of Medical Services of the West Riding Territorial Division, resigns his commission, and is granted permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform, dated April 1st, 1912.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

First West Lancashire Field Ambulance.—Lieutenant-Colonel FREDERIC J. KNOWLES, on completion of his period in command, is retired, and is granted permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform, dated May 1st, 1912.

Second West Lancashire Field Ambulance.—Major THOMAS STEVENSON, M.B., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, dated April 1st, 1912.

Attached to Units Other than Medical Units.—Lieutenant-Colonel WALTER S. CHEYNE, M.D., resigns his commission, and is granted permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform, dated May 1st, 1912.

For Attachment to Units Other than Medical Units.—CHARLES CONWAY FITZGERALD to be Lieutenant, dated March 28th, 1912; ALEXANDER PIRIE WATSON, M.B., F.R.C.S., late Lieutenant, 6th Battalion, the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), to be Lieutenant, dated May 4th, 1912; JOHN HERBERT OWENS to be Lieutenant, dated May 4th, 1912.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Surgeon-Captain SIDNEY HILLIER, M.D., resigns his commission, dated April 27th, 1912.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN ninety-five of the largest English towns 8,546 births and 4,715 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday, May 4th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 14.0, 14.5, and 14.1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further fell to 13.9 per 1,000 in the week under notice. In London the death-rate was equal to 13.7 per 1,000 against 13.5, 14.3, and 13.3 per 1,000 in the three previous weeks. Among the ninety-four other large towns the death-rates ranged from 6.2 in Edmonton and in Southend-on-Sea, 6.4 in Wimbledon, 6.8 in Gillingham and in Eastbourne, and 7.2 Enfield to 20.4 in Salford, 21.0 in Sunderland, 21.3 in Dudley, 22.0 in West Bromwich, 22.6 in Wigan, and 25.2 in Oldham. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.6 in Salford, 1.9 in Merthyr Tydfil, 2.0 in Wakefield, 2.1 in Warrington, 2.3 in Blackburn, 3.4 in Cardiff, and 4.9 in Rotherham; whooping-cough of 1.8 in Oldham, 2.1 in Smethwick, 2.3 in West Bromwich, and 2.8 in Stockport; diphtheria of 2.4 in West Hartlepool; and diarrhoea and enteritis of children under 2 years of age of 2.2 in Bootle. The mortality from scarlet fever and from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The causes of 33, or 0.7 per cent., of the total deaths were not certified either by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner after inquest, and included 7 in Birmingham, 4 in Grimsby, and 3 in Liverpool. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 1,242, 1,236, and 1,223 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further declined to 1,214 on Saturday, May 4th; 158 new cases were admitted during the week, against 119, 142, and 144 in the three preceding weeks.

In ninety-five of the largest English towns, 8,522 births and 4,795 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday, May 11th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 14.5, 14.1, and 13.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 14.2 per 1,000 in the week under notice. In London last week the death-rate was equal to 14.1 per 1,000, against 14.3, 13.3, and 13.7 in the three previous weeks. Among the ninety-four other large towns the death-rates ranged from 3.9 in Edmonton and in Southend-on-Sea, 5.4 in Enfield, 6.9 in Ilford, 7.1 in Swindon, and 7.9 in East Ham to 21.3 in Bootle, 22.2 in Salford, 22.3 in Ipswich, 22.5 in Middlesbrough, 24.1 in Barnsley, and 25.3 in Dewsbury. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.2 in Bristol, 1.4 in Warrington, 1.9 in Merthyr Tydfil, 2.4 in Newport (Mon.), 2.7 in Salford and in Darlington, 3.7 in Cardiff, and 5.6 in Ipswich; whooping-cough of 1.6 in Walthamstow and in Rotherham, 1.9 in Stockport, and 2.0 in Wakefield and in Aberdare; and diarrhoea and enteritis (under 2 years) of 1.7 in Rochdale. The mortality from enteric fever, scarlet fever, and diphtheria showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The causes of 34, or 0.7 per cent, of the total deaths, were not certified either by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner after inquest, and included 6 in Birmingham, 4 in Liverpool, 4 in South Shields, and 3 in Bootle. The number of scarlet-fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 1,236, 1,223, and 1,214 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had risen to 1,242 on Saturday last; 168 new cases were admitted during the week, against 142, 144, and 158 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

IN eighteen of the largest Scottish towns 1,266 births and 652 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday, May 4th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 16.1 and 16.2 per 1,000 in the two preceding weeks, fell to 15.6 in the week under notice, but was 1.7 per 1,000 above the rate recorded in the ninety-five large English towns. Among the several Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 9.2 in Falkirk, 9.9 in Partick, and 10.3 in Clydebank to 17.4 in Dundee, 18.1 in Kirkcaldy, and 19.9 in Greenock. The mortality from the principal epidemic diseases averaged 1.8 per 1,000, and was highest in Paisley and Coatbridge. The 257 deaths from all causes registered in Glasgow included 14 from measles, 3 from whooping-cough, 3 from infantile diarrhoea, and 1 from scarlet fever. Nine deaths from measles were recorded in Edinburgh, 8 in Dundee, 6 in Paisley, and 5 in Coatbridge; 2 deaths from scarlet fever in Greenock; and 3 from whooping-cough in Edinburgh.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, May 4th, 663 births and 449 deaths were registered in the twenty-two principal urban districts of Ireland, as against 692 births and 450 deaths in the preceding week. The annual death-rate in these districts, which had been 21.0, 23.3, and 20.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 20.2 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 6.3 per 1,000 higher than the mean average death-rate in the ninety-five English towns for the corresponding period. The figures in Dublin and Belfast were 25.9 and 17.9 respectively, those in other districts ranging from 3.9 in Galway and 4.4 in Newry to 27.3 in Wexford and 34.3 in Newtownards, while Cork stood at 21.1, Londonderry at 12.7, Limerick at 20.4, and Waterford at 15.2. The zymotic death-rate in the twenty-two districts averaged 2.2 per 1,000 as against 2.0 in the preceding period.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

WARNING NOTICE.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Warning Notice) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

ALNWICK INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £140 per annum.

BANGOR: CARNARVON AND ANGLESEY INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BELFAST: ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Four Resident Medical Officers (Males).

BIRKENHEAD AND WIRRAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Male House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer at the Infirmary. Salary, £104 per annum.

BRADFORD: ROYAL EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon.

BRENTWOOD: ESSEX AND COLCHESTER COUNTY ASYLUM.—Two Assistant Medical Officers. Salary, £160 per annum, rising to £200, and £150 per annum respectively.

BRIGHTON, HOVE, AND PRESTON DISPENSARY.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £160 per annum.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £80. Appointment for six months.

BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Endell Street, W.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Deputy Medical Secretary. Salary at the rate of £600 per annum.

BRIXTON DISPENSARY, Water Lane, S.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

BROMPTON HOSPITAL SANATORIUM, Frimley.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, rising to £200.

BURTON-ON-TRENT COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary, £250 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon; salary, £100 per annum. (2) Junior House-Surgeon; salary, £80 per annum, rising to £90 after the first six months.

CHELSEA PARISH INFIRMARY.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum, rising to £120.

DORCHESTER: COUNTY ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £160 per annum.

DUNDEE DISTRICT ASYLUM.—(1) Senior Resident Medical Officer. (2) Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 and £120 per annum respectively, rising to £200 and £150.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Medical Officer (Male) and Second Medical Officer to the Casualty Department. Salary at the rate of £100 and £40 per annum respectively.

EDINBURGH: THE HOSPICE.—Qualified Medical Woman as Resident. Honorarium, £25 per annum.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

HUDDERSFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon (Male). Salary, £80 per annum.

ISLE OF MAN LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £175 per annum, rising to £200.

ITALIAN HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

KILMUIR PARISH COUNCIL.—Medical Officer. Salary, £75 per annum.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Resident Medical Officer at the Ida and Robert Arthrington Hospitals; salary, £30 for six months. (2) Resident Obstetric Officer.

LEEDS PUBLIC DISPENSARY.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY.—Male Assistant House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

MANCHESTER: TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH MANCHESTER.—Third Assistant Resident Medical Officer at the Workhouse Hospitals. Salary, £120 per annum.

MANCHESTER: VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.—Professor of Forensic Medicine.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Visiting Medical Assistant. Salary, £160 for first year and £180 afterwards.

NEWPORT AND MONMOUTHSHIRE HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 and £60 per annum respectively.

NORWICH: NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.—Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Locumtenent. Salary, £3 3s. per week.

ORKNEY: ISLAND OF SHAPANSEY.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

PLYMPTON ST. MARY UNION.—District Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. Salary, £90 per annum and vaccination fees.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, N.E.—Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

SALISBURY INFIRMARY.—Honorary Radiographer.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Sixth Resident. Salary, £60 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Ear and Throat Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—Demonstrator in Anatomy. Salary, £150 per annum.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Physician; salary, £82 per annum and £5 honorarium after six months' approved service. (2) House-Surgeon; salary, £100 per annum, increasing to £110.

STAMFORD, RUTLAND, AND GENERAL INFIRMARY AND FEVER HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (Male). Salary, £100 per annum.

WALSALL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—House-Physician and Casualty Officer. Salary, £90 per annum.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (Male). Salary, £80 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

WORCESTER: COUNTY AND CITY ASYLUM, Powick.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum, rising to £170.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

CAHILL, A., M.B.Syd., Assistant Police Surgeon, Sydney, New South Wales.

CURTIS, M., M.B.Syd., Resident Medical Officer to the Warwick Hospital, Queensland.

DONNAN, W. D., M.D., R.U.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Holywood District, co. Down.

MCEWAN, W. C., M.D.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Tranent District, co. Haddington.

MCLAREN, W. W., M.B.Melb., Resident Medical Officer at the Melbourne Hospital.

MOONEY, W., M.B., B.Ch., N.U.I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Kilbeggan District, co. Westmeath.

O'REILLY, L., M.B.Syd., Assistant Medical Officer to the Railway Department, New South Wales.

ROBERTS, H. J., M.D.Durh., F.R.C.S.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Penygroes District, co. Carnarvon.

TRAVIS, G. L., L.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Llandudno District, co. Carnarvon.

WILLIAMS, J. R., M.B., C.M.Edin., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Conway District, co. Carnarvon.

WOODMAN, E. Musgrave, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Assistant Surgeon to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The following changes in the Honorary Medical Staff have been made:

Honorary Consulting Physician.—Judson S. Bury, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Honorary Physician.—E. M. Brockbank, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Honorary Assistant Physician.—Albert Ramsbottom, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.Vict., M.R.C.P.Lond.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Orders or Stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

DOUGLAS WILSON.—At 3, Ripon Road, Harrogate, on May 12th, the wife of H. Douglas Wilson, M.D.—a son.

GREENE.—On May 9th, at 85, Shepherd's Bush Road, London, W., to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Greene—a son.

MILLER.—On May 10th, at 25, Neville Court, N.W., the wife of Dr. Reginald Miller (53, Queen Anne Street), of a son.

MCKIE.—At 14, Arthur Street, Newton Stewart, on May 10th, to Dr. and Mrs. McKie—a son.

PEARSON.—On May 9th, at Durban, S. Africa, the wife of C. H. Pearson, *née* Beatrice Knowles, M.D., B.S., of a daughter. (By cable.) India papers, please copy.

DEATH.

BEST.—On May 7th, 1912, suddenly, Palemon Best, M.B.Lond., J.P., of Louth, Lincolnshire, aged 72 years.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W., 9 p.m.—Annual Oration by Mr. J. Bland-Sutton: Fertilization in Relation to Pathology.

TUESDAY.

LONDON DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—4.30 p.m.: Demonstration of Cases and Specimens. 5.15 p.m.: Discussion on Recent Advances in the Study of Syphilis, to be opened by Dr. W. Griffith.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY, Burlington House, 4.30 p.m.—The following are among the probable papers: Professor R. A. Sampson, F.R.S.: A New Treatment of Optical Aberrations. Sir W. de W. Abney, K.C.B., F.R.S.: On the Extinction of Light by an Illuminated Retina.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 1 p.m.: Demonstration of Cases.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat at noon and 4.30 p.m., Monday, and noon, Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m., Tuesday, and noon, Friday. Eye, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday. Radiography, Saturday, 10 a.m. Pathological Demonstration, Friday, 11 a.m. Special Lectures: Tuesday, 3.15 p.m., Electro-cardiograms. Wednesday, 3.30 p.m., Corneal Ulcers and their Treatment; 5 p.m., Surgical Demonstration. Thursday, 2.15 p.m., Colic.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.—Lectures daily (Saturday excepted) at 12 noon and 4 p.m. Practical Laboratory Work daily (Saturday excepted), 10 to 12 a.m. Practical Protozoology, 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. daily; Advanced Protozoology, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Medical Clinics, Monday and Thursday at 3 p.m. Operations, Friday, at 3 p.m.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE CLINIC, Thursday, 4.15 p.m.—Insomnia.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY, Tuesday, 4.30 p.m.—Demonstration of a Case of Tumour of the Lung and of a Case of Paraplegia. Friday, 4.30 p.m., Prostatic Hypertrophy.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day. Monday, Skin. Tuesday, Medical. Wednesday, Surgical. Thursday, Medical. Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follow: Monday, Appendicitis in Children. Tuesday, Ventral Hernia (second part). Wednesday, Some Points on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Infective Thrombosis of the Lateral Sinus, based on the Personal Experience of 75 Cases. Thursday, The Operative Treatment of Fractures.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday and Friday, 3.30 p.m.: Spinal Tumours.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Monday, Clinics: 10.30 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Nose, Throat, and Ear; 3 p.m., Pathological Demonstration. Tuesday, Clinic: 2.30 p.m., Operations. Clinics: Medical Out-patient, Surgical, Gynaecological; 3.30 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Special Demonstration: Heart Cases with Polygraphic Demonstration. Wednesday, Clinics: 2 p.m., Throat Operations; 2.30 p.m., Children's Out-patient; Skin, Eye; 3 p.m., X Rays; Pathological Demonstration;

5.30 p.m., Eye Operations. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations. Clinics: Medical Out-patient; Surgical; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Special Demonstration: Selected Surgical Cases. Friday, 2.30 p.m., Operations. Clinics: Medical Out-patient; Surgical; Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; Pathological Demonstration.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—Medical and Surgical Clinics, *X* Rays, and Operations, 2 p.m. daily. Monday: Gynaecology, 10 a.m.; Pathological Demonstration, 12 noon; Eye, 2 p.m. Tuesday: Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Demonstration of Minor Operations, 11 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Gynaecology, 2 p.m. Thursday: Gynaecological Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Lecture: Practical Medicine, 12.15 p.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Orthopaedics, 2 p.m. Friday: Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Lecture: Clinical Pathology, 12.15 p.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Saturday: Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 10 a.m. Special Lectures at 5 p.m.

PUBLISHERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

MESSRS. J. AND A. CHURCHILL have just ready for publication volume vi of the new edition of Allen's *Commercial Organic Analysis*. This volume has been rewritten under the editorship of Mr. W. A. Davis, B.Sc., and Mr. S. S. Sadtler, S.B. The subjects and authors are as follows: *Amines and Ammonium Bases*, by W. A. Davis; *Aniline and its Allies*, by S. S. Sadtler; *Naphthylamines, Pyridine, Quinoline, and Acridine Bases*, by W. H. Glover; *Vegetable Alkaloids*, by T. A. Henry; *Volatile Bases of Vegetable Origin, Opium Alkaloids*, by F. O. Taylor; *Nicotine and Tobacco*, by R. W. Tonkin; *Aconite Alkaloids, Atropine, and its Allies*, by F. H. Carr; *Cocaine*, by S. P. Sadtler; *Strychnos Alkaloids*, by C. E. Vanderkleed; *Cinchona Alkaloids*, by O. Chick; *Berberine and its Associates*, by E. Horton; *Caffeine, Tea, and Coffee*, by J. J. Fox and P. J. Sageman; *Cocoa and Chocolate*, by R. Whymper.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Consumption: Treatment at Home and Rules for Living. By H. Warren Crowe, M.D.Oxon. Third edition. Bristol: John Wright and Sons, Ltd. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co., Ltd. 1912. (Fcap. 8vo, pp. 36. 1s. net.)

Contains some twenty-five rules relating largely to rest and exercise as controlled by temperature observation, an explanation of the why and wherefore being in most cases appended. A very useful book to place in the hands of a phthisical patient, some blank pages being included for the addition by the patient's medical attendant of any further information or advice he may wish the patient to bear constantly in mind. One or two minor weaknesses which we pointed out in an earlier edition appear to have been remedied.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		MAY.
18	Sat.	Latest date for receipt of Nominations to Central Council.
20	Mon.	South Staffordshire Division, Wolverhampton, Special Meeting, 8.30 p.m., followed by Annual Meeting.
21	Tues.	Brighton Division, Ordinary Meeting.
22	Wed.	Buckinghamshire Division, Aylesbury, Annual Meeting, 3 p.m.
		Altrincham Division, Northwich, Special Meeting, 4.45 p.m.
		Richmond Division, Richmond, 8.30 p.m.
		Dorset and West Hants Branch, Bournemouth, Annual Meeting.
23	Thur.	Lincoln Division, Guildhall, Lincoln, 3 p.m.
		Walthamstow Division, Wesleyan Church School, Leyton, 4 p.m.
25	Sat.	Nominations for Central Council published in the JOURNAL.
29	Wed.	Bath and Bristol Branch, Bristol, Annual Meeting.
		Salisbury Division, Salisbury, Annual Meeting, 8.15 p.m.
30	Thur.	Northampton Division, Northampton, Annual Meeting, 2.30 p.m.; Luncheon, 1.30 p.m.
		City Division, Town Hall, Hackney, Annual Meeting, 4 p.m.
		English Division, County Hall, Carlisle, Annual Meeting, 4.30 p.m.
31	Fri.	Furness Division, Masonic Hall, Barrow, Annual Meeting, 3.45 p.m.
		JUNE.
6	Thur.	South Midland Branch, Aylesbury, Annual Meeting, 2.30 p.m.; Luncheon, 1.15 p.m.
7	Fri.	Central Ethical Committee, London, 2 p.m.
		Dundee Division, Annual Meeting.
		Journal Committee, London, 11 a.m.
8	Sat.	Issue of Voting Papers for Central Council Election from Head Office.
11	Tues.	Public Health Committee, London, 3.30 p.m.
		Forfarshire Division, Annual Meeting.
		JUNE (*continued*).
12	Wed.	Medico-Political Committee, London, 2 p.m.
13	Thur.	East York and North Lincolnshire Branch, Grimsby, Annual Meeting.
15	Sat.	Fractures Committee, London, 9.30 a.m.
		Science Committee, London, 11.30 a.m.
		Last day for receipt of Voting Papers at Head Office *re* Central Council Election.
17	Mon.	Naval and Military Committee, London (if necessary).
18	Tues.	Organization Committee, London, 2.30 p.m.
19	Wed.	East Anglian Branch, Brentwood, Annual Meeting.
		South-Eastern Branch, Town Hall, Bromley, Annual Meeting, 2.15 p.m.; Lunch, 1 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m.
20	Thur.	Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 4 p.m.
26	Wed.	Finance Committee, London, 2.30 p.m.
		JULY.
3	Wed.	Central Council, London, 2 p.m.
		Annual Meeting, Liverpool.
19	Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting.
20	Sat.	Annual Representative Meeting.
22	Mon.	Council Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
		Annual Representative Meeting, 10 a.m.
		Secretaries' Conference and Dinner, 7 p.m.
23	Tues.	Annual Representative Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
		Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m., President's Address, 8.30 p.m.
24	Wed.	Council Meeting, 9 a.m.
		Sectional Meetings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
		Address in Medicine, 12.30 p.m.
		Religious Services, 3 p.m.
25	Thur.	Sectional Meetings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
		Address in Surgery, 12.30 p.m.
		Annual Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
26	Fri.	Council Meeting, 9 a.m.
		Sectional Meetings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
27	Sat.	Excursions.

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